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The productiveness of the rich loams and soils that are to be found almost everywhere throughout the Province of Manitoba and the territories of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, are now so well known that it is a subject of great interest throughout all the Western States, as well as in Great Britain and Ireland, and on the Continent.


CUTTING WHEAT in the canadian northwest.
During the past seven years the immigration has been most phenomenal, and the prospects are that during the next few years this immigration will continue in largely increasing numbers. It is confidently assumed that the same degree of success that attended the work of the farmer during the past few years will be repeated in the future.

FREE HOMESTEADS may be had in almost all the land districts. Adjoining land may be purchased from the railway and land companies. Many cases have been recorded where the farmer has paid the entire purchase price of his land out of the first crop.

The matter of climate is one that demands the attention of those seeking a home. The climate of Western Canada is one that is highly spoken of by all who have made it their home, and requires no further comment. Hundreds of letters in the possession of the Department of the Interior give evidence of its healthfulness and its desirability when compared with that of other countries.

Socially, there is everything that is desired. There are to be found there the several fraternal societies, schools, churches and other organizations calculated to be to the upbuilding of a community, and are in evidence wherever there is a settlement.

Markets for the sale of grain and other produce of the farm are at every railway station, while elevators and mills make competition keen. The prices are always high and the railway rates are reasonable.

Nearly fifty thousand Americans took up land either in Manitoba or the Territories during the past year, and as fully as great a number is expected during the season of 1904. It is only a matter of computation how much the area which will be placed under cultivation will exceed the $4,687,583$ acres of 1903. Besides the Americans spoken of, fully as large a number of British people became settlers. In addition to these the continentals added largely to the population.

Ranching is an important factor in the prosperity of Western Canada and the very best results follow. Leases may be had from the Government or lands may be purchased from Railways and Land Companies.

Wheat Districts. The wheat districts are located in a less elevated country than the ranching section, and where the snow lies on the ground during the winter months and where there is sufficient rainfall in summer to grow wheat. Generally speaking, the wheat districts now opened up comprise the greater part of Assiniboia lying east of Moose Jaw, where the Red River Valley extends its productive soil, renowned the world over as a famous wheat belt.

Over $240,000,000$ acres of land in the above-mentioned districts are suitable for raising wheat. The wheat belts, although colder than the ranching country, are ideal countries for wheat-growing. The cool nights during the ripening period favour the production of firm grains, thus making the wheat grade high in the market. Wherever wheat is grown, oats and barley grow, producing large yields. Government statistics covering a period of twenty years show that the yield of wheat runs about 20 bushels to the acre, barley over 40 , oats also yield splendidly.

In most cases the yields are regulated largely by the system of farming practised. The best farmers summer fallow a portion of their farms. Usually one-third of the acreage is worked as a summer fallow. On the large wheat farms the grain is threshed and run into small granaries having a capacity of 1,000 bushels. These are left in the field until time to haul the grain to market. The wheat zone of Canada is spreading farther north, and we doubt not that wheat will be grown much farther north than at present.

Mixed Farming. To-day mixed farming is adapted to the greater part of Manitoba, taking in all of Assiniboia not included in the wheat belt, the Saskatchewan Valley and southwestern Saskatchewan, extending into northern Alberta. In many districts stock raising, dairying and general farming crops go hand in hand. The pastures are good. Aside from the wild grasses, brome grass and western rye grass furnish good hay crops and are grown not only where mixed farming is in vogue, but in the wheat districts as well. Dairying is one of the growing industries. In many sections creameries have been started which are paying good profits to their patrons. Hog and poultry raising are profitable industries. Roots and vegetables thrive well. Wild fruits of many kinds testify to the possibilities in fruit-growing for home consumption at least.

Large Tracts Open for Settlement. New lines of railroads are being built into the new districts just opening up. The country may be said to have never had a "boom" familiar to many of our readers. The growth of Western Canada up to the present time has been slow, but we believe sure. The soil varies in different sections of the country, still it is more uniform than in many of the States. The general character of the soil is a dark loam underlaid with a clay subsoil. Good water abounds everywhere.

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# THE CORNWALL CANAL CONTRACT 

By NORMAN PATTERSON



HERE are few people who have ever considered the responsibility of the Dominion Cabinet as a spender of money. There are fourteen ministers with portfolios in that body, and each spends on an average more than four million dollars a year. In the year ending June 3oth, 1903, the Dominion Government spent in the ordinary way $\$ 51,691,000$, and contracted debts for several million dollars' worth of expenditures which are said to be "on capital account." In addition there were some "Special" items, which brought the total expenditure for the year to $\$ 61,746,000$.

To spend four and a half million dollars a year, and get good value for it, is what is demanded of the average cabinet minister at Ottawa. Some have more to spend than others, but as the responsibility for the whole expenditure rests on the cabinet as a whole, the responsibility may be divided evenly for the sake of argument.

To successfully spend this amount of money each year requires a considerable business knowledge, a keen intellect and much sturdy commonsense. The speculative question might be framed,
"If there were fourteen companies at Ottawa, each having four and a half million dollars to spend each year, would they select the present fourteen cabinet ministers as the best men for the fourteen positions?" This question is not framed to throw any discredit upon those fourteen gentlemen, but simply to show the grave business responsibility which each must annually undertake.

## A MINISTER'S TROUBLES

Neither is it possible for any one of these ministers to devote his whole time to this work. The collecting of this amount of money, the consideration of a great deal of necessary legislation both publicand private, the listening to interviewers of all sorts and conditions, the attention required of each as one of the leaders of a great


CORNWALL CANAL-A LOCK FULL OF WATER


HON. JAMES SUTHERLAND
Acting Minister of Railways and Canals in 1900, now Minister of Public Works
not once in a while make an improvident bargain.

Perhaps the most improvident bargains made by the Cabinet are those in connection with the Public Works and Railways and Canals departments. In these two are the annual expenditures greatest. Last year the Public Works spent about seven millions of dollars, and the Department of Railways and Canals about five millions. Two ministers are primarily responsible for twelve millions of expenditure, which is distributed throughout the whole of Canada. The difficulties are enormous.

## AN IMPROVIDENT BARGAIN

One of the most notable examples of an improvident contract made by a department is that known as the Cornwall Canal Lighting and Power Contract, whereby nearly a million of dollars would have been uselessly paid by the Dominion Government had there been no Auditor-General. The main facts are simple.

In 1896, some time previous to a general election, the Hon. John Haggart, Minister of Railways and Canals, made a lease with a contractor by the name of M. P. Davis, giving him the right to use the water-power of the Cornwall Canal at a certain point for \$1,000 a year for eighty-four years. The Government had already builta dam there in order to increase the water in this portion of the river and the canal, so that there was good reason why a fair rental should be paid. At the same time it was agreed that Mr. Davis should supply power at the rate of $\$ 6_{3}$ per horse-power per year for such quantity as the Government might require, and electric lights at the rate of $\$ 109.50$ per arc light of 2,000 candle power to the number required by the


CORNWALL-SHOWING THE MACHINERY OPERATED BY ELECTRICITY, USED TO OPEN AND SHUT THE GATES AND THE SLUICES Photograph by F. Bisset

Government to light the canal. No particular amount of power or light was specified. The contract was for twenty-one years, and the Government could expropriate on a year's notice.

Just after this contract was confirmed by Order-in-Council, a general election occurred. It is just possible that Mr . Davis contributed to the campaign fund of Mr. Haggart's (Conservative) party on that occasion. It is likely that he did. It is probable that this was not his first campaign contribution. He had built the Cornwall canal, and was said to have lost money. To recoup him, the Government gave him the contract for Sheik's Dam at a high price, without calling for tenders. He had made money on his contracts with the Government, and naturally he dropped something in the hat. It is a contractor's habit. That the Hon. John Haggart signed that contract to get campaign funds is unlikely. The waterpower was there; electric light and electric power to move the gates were required; somebody had to supply them, and Mr. Davis was given the contract.


A LAKE CARRIER EMERGING FROM A LOCK

election of 1900, the unexpected hap-pened-a new contract was entered into between the Hon. James Sutherland, Acting Minister of Railways and Canals, and Mr. Davis. This new contract left the lease untouched, left unchanged the price to be paid for arc lights ( $\$ 109.50$ ), and electric power $\left(\$ 6_{3}\right)$. It defined, however, the number of arc lights and horse-power to be supplied by Mr. Davis, and it did this to his splendid advantage. Furthermore, the contract for the lighting and power supply was extended from twenty-one to eighty-four years.

The extension of the contract might have been justifiable if the prices had been modified, or if the contractor had agreed to pay a greater price for his lease, or if there was reason to believe that electric light prices were advancing. Not one of these excuses obtains. The prices were not modified; the rental was not increased; the market price of electric power and light was rapidly decreasing. There was no excuse for it-unless it was the approach of a general election. It was rumoured
that Mr. Davis was a generous man who did not desert a friend in need, and the Liberal Party face to face with a general election might be made a " friend in need." In plain terms, either the Liberal party was in need of campaign funds, or the Minister of Railways and Canals was badly advised.

## WAS THE DEPUTY TO BLAME?

Why a deputy should allow his minister to enter into a contract, unnecessarily extended from 21 , to 84 years, to purchase electric power at $\$ 63$ per horse-power whether used or not, and to buy electric lighting at $\$$ rog. 50 a year whether used or not, can hardly be explained. Electric power was being sold elsewhere as low as $\$_{15}$ per horse-power and electric lighting at $\$ 75$ per year. One would expect the Deputy to prevent his superior falling into such an error as the renewal of such a contract-10 say nothing of the error of extending it from 21 to 84 years. He must have known that the plant would cost about $\$ 250,000$, and about $\$ 10,000$ a year to operate. A contractor getting \$30,000 a year would be making a good profit. Yet under this contract he was to get $\$ 51,575$ for eighty-four years. He must have known also that the similar services for the Soulanges Canal was likely to cost the Government less than \$20,000 a year.

It remained for the Auditor-General to step in and force a third contract. By this third agreement, the annual payment by the Government to Mr . Davis was reduced from $\$ 52,575$ to $\$ 39,500$, or thereabouts. This is creditable to the Auditor-General and creditable to the Government which reconsidered the position. The Government's reconsideration, however, was so tardy and so hardly obtained, that its credit is not at all equal to that which comes to the Auditor-General.

The subject has been much discussed in the newspapers and in the House of Commons. There is no


CORNWALL-LOCK 18 AT NIGHT
The Canal with its two hundred and fifty electric lights makes a pretty spectacle, although much too long to be seen at one time by one spectator Photograph by F. Bisset
need to digest the debates and the correspondence. The only question that remains to be considered is the degree of blame to be attached to the minister and the deputy.
The whole discussion goes to show that there are different views as to the duties of those in high places in the Civil Service. The Deputy-Minister says in his letters of 1902 to the Auditor-General, that he does not concern himself as to whether a service is necessary or whether a charge is just; he merely does as he is told, and it is not his place to consider whether there is extravagance or waste. Furthermore, he says, a certain interpretation has been placed on a contract by his superior (or perhaps by the contractor who benefits), and because one of these superior persons has spoken, who is he, this mere dep-
uty-minister, that he should think for himself?

In his letter of May 7th, 1902, to Mr. McDougall, Mr. Schreiber says : " Under the terms of the lease of June 25,1896 , and of the subsequent contract of October 19, 1900, the question of payment does not depend on the number of lights actually in use." Here are several pieces of impudence.


CORNWALL-LOCK 15, UNWATERED FOR REPAIRING BOTTOM The water is shut out by a temporary dam, as seen in the distance


CORNWALL CANAL-POWER HOUSE, SHEIK'S ISLAND, LOWER DAM Here is generated all the electricity used to operate and light the canal

In the first place, he undertakes to tell the Auditor-General what the contract means, as if there were not room for two opinions. In the second place, he states that once a contract is made by his department the service is paid for whether it has been performed or not.* In the third place, he brings in the lease of 1896, which has no application to the point, and which must have been mentioned for political effect.
He rises to a great height of humility in his letter of May 3 rst, when he says:

[^3]preted, did find that Mr. Schreiber was wrong and was not working in the public interest, and did successfully resist paying for services that had not been rendered.

He coaxed the deputy to reconsider his decision that 250 lights per night must he paid for whether used or not. He begged of him to do so. It was useless. On June 24th Mr. Schreiber wrote finally as follows:

## Department of Rallways and Canals, Ottawa, June 24, 1902.

 SIR-I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21 st instant, in further reference to the application of the department for a payment to Mr. M. P. Davis, for lighting the Cornwall canal.In reply, I have to say that I cannot treat this matter other than under the contract, which calls for payment for a minimum number of 250 lights per night at 30 cents per light, or, as I understand it, such number under that minimum as have been actually installed.

I have the honour to be, sir, Your obedient servant, Collingwood Schreiber, D. M. The Auditor-General.
Convinced at last that Mr. Schreiber was set in his ways, that Mr. Schreiber was determined that the country should be robbed rather than that a dictum of the Department of Railways and Canals should be changed, Mr. McDougall sought legal advice from Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., more re-


CORNWALL-BY-WASH, LOCK 18, AND TAIL-RACE FROM TORONTO PAPER CO. MILLS
Photograph by F. Bisset
cently made a Minister of the Crown and designated "Honourable." Mr. Aylesworth at first told Mr. McDougall that Mr. Schreiber was right, and that, so far as he could see, the money must be paid. Given more data to work on, Mr. Aylesworth got new light, and thought "it would seem reasonably clear that payment was to be made only in respect of each night during which light was required and supplied."

This was defeat number one for the deputy and victory for Mr. McDougall.

It only remains to be said that later on Mr. Aylesworth rescinded his opinion and decided that the contractor could collect for 250 lights whether he supplied them or not. The Government, however, took the matter up and arranged a compromise with the contractor, and paid him only for the lights actually supplied between Oct. 24th, 1901, and Nov. 30th, 1902; for 100 lights between Nov. 30th, 1902, and March $3^{1 \text { st, }}$ 1903, and for the actual lights supplied between March $1_{3}$ th, 1903, and June 30th, 1903. After that date Mr. Davis was to be paid for 100 lights for four months and 250 lights for eight months, in each year.

Let us examine another of Mr. Schreiber's remarkable contentions, so
that the public may have still further proof of this gentleman's competence, efficiency and public spirit. This time it is a question between him and the secretary of his department, to whom he addresses a report on Aug. $25^{\text {th }}$, 1902, and which is signed "Collingwood Schreiber, C.E."* The question was whether the provision that the contractor should supply 400 horse-power of electrical energy at $\$ 63$ per horse-power was just and necessary. There were two doubts in the mind of the Auditor-General: 1 . That $400 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. were required; 2. That the price was reasonable. These two doubts have since been confirmed. Yet the deputy sought to justify what has been proven to be an extravagant contract. His letter gives the following statement:

On the above basis the following would be the apportionment of power:-


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Now, Mr. Schreiber must have known that the Old Canal was not used at all, that it was likely to be used only in case of a break in the new canal, and that the roo horsepower at $\$ 6_{3}$ per year to operate a canal not in use would be robbery pure and simple. It would be $\$ 63.00$ a year, or $\$ 529,000$ in eighty-four years, almost thrown away.

Further, when Mr. Schreiber made that estimate, he knew that the winches were not installed, and were not likely to be for some time, if at all; that no power was required for them. Yet he puts in $66 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. more. He is willing that the country should pay for 166 h.p. at $\$ 63$ per h.p., which was not required. These two items would amount to $\$ 878,472$. If all public servants are like Mr. Schreiber, the public service must be in a bad way.

## THE LAST STRAW

The deputy also went further. He allowed an account to be sent to the Auditor-General, asking him to pay for 400 h.p. for eleven months, before energy had ever been applied, and while the canal was still being operated by hand. In other words, he desired the Auditor-General to make the contractor a present of some $\$ 25,000$. Mr . Schreiber's generosity is wonderful.

On the other hand, the reasonable view of the Auditor-General is expressed in his letter of September 29th,
about a month after Mr. Schreiber's estimate of $417 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. "delivered":
"The letter of the chief engineer does not touch the question raised by me. An application has been made to me to pay for 400 horse-power at $\$ 63$ per horse-power per annum, to run from October 24th last, over 11 months now, while there has not as yet been the application of any electrical energy whatever for any Government purposes anywhere on the Cornwall canal. I raise no objection to the payment for the electrical energy when we get the use of it. It was provided under the contract of 1896 that the Government was to pay for only what it got, and there was no necessity to make a new and highly unfavourable agreement with Mr . Davis for electrical energy."

And how was this point settled? The answer is in the compromise agreement made between the contractor and the Government nearly a year later, when the account was reduced to $125 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. from installation in October, i901, to July, 1903. That is, instead of paying the contractor $\$ 42$,ooo, the Government settled for $\$_{13}$,125 (approximately).

## THE THIRD CONTRACT

As a consequence of the protests of the Auditor-General, and the recommendation of three experts who investigated the subject, the Government did make a new contract for the supply of both electric power and light. Instead of agreeing to pay for 400 horse-power per annum, they are to pay for about 125 h.p., " until the present installation is added to or increased upon the written requisition of the Chief Engineer." Instead of agreeing to pay for 250 lights per night whether used or not, it is agreed to pay for 100 lights for four months and 250 lights for eight months. Under this contract, though still liberal to Mr. Davis, the country saves about half a million of dollars.

Had Mr. Schreiber been as earnest and as competent - one is almost tempted to add as honest-as Mr. McDougall, he might have prevented this extravagant contract ever being made. He was deputy-minister when the first contract was made by the Hon. Mr. Haggart; he was still in that important position when the new con-
tract was made by the Hon. Mr. Sutherland. He must have known that the contract was extravagant and that the country would lose a million dollars in this way. We have no evidence that he raised a finger to prevent it. In fact, there is no evidence to show that it was done on other than his advice. Neither Mr. Haggart nor Mr. Sutherland were engineers or electrical experts, and they must have been relying on some person's advice. If it was on the advice of Mr. Schreiber, then it is time that the country demanded a settlement with that gentleman. If it was done against his advice, then the circumstances should be made known in order that the current suspicions shall be allayed.

## SOME OTHER OBSERVATIONS

A most peculiar incident in connection with this canal question occurred in the House of Commons on July ${ }^{1} 3^{\text {th }}$, during the debate on this subject. Mr. Reid, of Addington, got up to make a speech. He apparently did not know much about his subject, and it is doubtful if he or any other member of the Opposition even took the trouble to go over the canal and try to see things for themselves, as the Auditor-General did. Well, Mr. Reid had hardly got started when he made the statement that the Soulanges canal is about the same length and has the same number of locks as the Cornwall Canal. The following is the ensuing dialogue, as given in Hansard:

[^5]certificate of the chief engineer of government railways, dated on the 2nd July, 1904.

Mr. J. D. Reid. Perhaps that may be right, but I quoted from the official record.
Mr. Fitzpatrick. Not from the official record; you are taking it from the AuditorGeneral's Report.
Mr. J. D. Reid, I do not know that the Auditor-General is trying to mislead us.

Mr. Fitzpatrick. Oh, I do not think so.
Mr. Reid left this point and tried another line, but Mr. Fitzpatrick continued his tactics, with the result that Mr. Reid sat down disgusted. It was good punishment for him, because there is too much talking in the House by members who are either indolent or incompetent, or both.

The explanation is this. There are eleven locks on the Cornwall Canal, but six are on the new canal and five are on the old canal, the latter, of course, not being used. If Mr. Reid had known the details of the subject on which he essayed to speak, he could easily have countered on that clever gentleman who is supposed to administer justice to Canadians. The explanation as to the number of locks on the Soulanges Canal is equally simple. Mr. Fitzpatrick succeeded in making Mr. Reid look foolish, and the member for a St. Lawrence constituency sat down in a decided mental mess.

The failure of both parties to thoroughly sift this matter to the bottom is a grave reflection on the honesty and integrity of the House of Commons. It was especially the duty of the Conservative leader, Mr. R. L. Borden, to insist on an investigation. That he did not do so may account in some measure for the recent lack of confidence in him shown by the electors at large.


HE MAKES AN ESTIMATE ON MATERIALS AND MEN
 ONGER slashed viciously at the stick he was whittling.
" I don't see why the old man should feel like that," said he.
" Well, he does, an' that's all there is about it," replied Haliburton shortly. "Murphy's got no use for any one that's sharp enough to beat him. Seein' I fixed things so as I could dictate terms and make him hand me over a partnership maybe gives him a sort $o$ ' respect for me; but it doesn't make him like me any better. The only difference is, he realises now that the dog is liable to bite and watches me a little closer."
"Watches you? How do you mean?"
"Watches me almost as if I was tryin' to carry off stuff from the job. He's always slinkin' 'round when I'm buyin' anythin'. Probably makin' certain that I don't try any little deals on the side, and go graftin' for commissions. He doesn't say anythin', but I know darn well what he means."
" He used to be all right with you?" questioned Fonger.
"Sure," assented the superintendent; "until he commenced to think that I was runnin' the whole thing, an' then he got jealous. He's mighty careful now who he introduces me to. If he finds me talkin' to any friends o' his he slides into the conversation pretty quick an' walks the feller off with him."

Though of a sanguine disposition and not easily cast down, Haliburton was having his troubles. Deeply jealous of the use the superintendent had made of the opportunities that he him-
self had cast in his way, Murphy would like to have undone his recent actions. A partner, he felt, was by no means a necessity to him; and had it not been that Haliburton had held the whiphand in the purchase of supplies, he would never have had anything to do with him. Now that that difficulty was safely over, he would gladly have dispensed with the superintendent's services had a reasonable opportunity presented itself. Profits made a larger pile all in one man's pocket than if divided between two.
So matters ran along until early in March. Then they showed signs of culmination in the letting of the pier foundations for the Ridout Bridge. Murphy felt confident of securing the contract. Not only did he have a stand in with the powers, but, as well, he was in a position to put in a low bid. The bridge being located on the Aux Sable River, a mere twenty-five miles below where the Gore Valley Viaduct crossed it, it would not cost him much to transport his plant there. As soon as the Viaduct was finished he could float the equipment down stream, and almost the very next day be in perfect shape to begin work on the other job.

Then he received an unexpected check.

Hearing of the contractor's plans, Haliburton brought up the subject.
"They tell me you're calculatin' to build the Ridout Bridge," said he nonchalantly.
"I was thinking perhaps I might bid on it," replied Murphy, not committing himself.
"That's the same as sayin' we'll take it," commented Haliburton. "Ours is the only equipment in this section o' the country that's suited to that kind o' work; an' even if there was another, it couldn't be got there as cheap as this one."

Murphy noticed the "we" and "ours."
" I hadn't figgered on Murphy \& Haliburton doing the work," said he dryly. "My idea was that John C. Murphy would be able to handle this job by himself."

Haliburton crossed his legs and settled himself deeper into his chair. "I guess not," he replied. "As a member of the firm that's buildin' the Gore Valley Viaduct, I've got an interest in this here plant. If any biddin's to be done, we'll both have a finger in the pie."
"What'll you take for your interest?" questioned Murphy hotly, very red in the face. "Considering that I gave it to you for nothing, it's a pretty high-handed proceeding asking me to buy it back; but rather than have any feelings about it, I'll give you something if you will make it reasonable."

Haliburton laughed at him.
" Gave it to me!" he snickered between bursts of mirth. "Yes you did -not! It's a lot you'd ever give any one. You gave it to me because you couldn't have made a red cent on it unless you took me in. But my share ain't for sale. I'm not thinkin' o' retirin' just yet."
"You'll have to sell," cried Murphy,
losing his temper; "I'm not going to bid with you. Anyway, the big end of the thing is mine."
"That may be; but even if I only owned a dollar's worth I'd want my percentage on it," retorted the other.
"However, if you don't bid with me you'll have to bid against me. I've

"I guess he's got me skinned this time all right" DRAWN BY HAROLD PYKE
got a footing in the contracting business now an' it'll not be hard for me to get backing."

Murphy knew that Haliburton was talking facts and this was presenting a new phase of the matter. It would never do to bid against each other. If it came to that, each would act on the assumption that it would be possible
to buy out the other's interest in the plant once the contract was secured. The probabilities would be that prices might be cut so low as to spoil a good thing completely.

Murphy knew a better way. After some fifteen minutes spent in wrangling over the thing he gave in.
"All right, then," he assented. "Whatever we do, we can't afford to cut the prices. The best thing we can do will be to tackle it together."

Something in the contractor's manner made Haliburton suspicious; but this was not a time for hesitation and he offered no remark.

The bids were to be opened on the first Monday in April at ten o'clock in the morning. Late the preceding Saturday afternoon Murphy and Haliburton met to arrange their estimate.
"We can do the job and make a big profit at about what it 'ud cost any one else," observed Haliburton after he had glanced through the specifications. "This havin' your plant right on the ground counts, I tell you."

Murphy grunted. Unobserved by Haliburton he was making a copy of the figures upon which they had agreed.
"I'll get down early and arrange about the security bonds," Haliburton remarked as he locked the office door.
"Sure!" Murphy thrust his tongue into his cheek.

The following Sunday, Haliburton spent the afternoon out on the work nosing around among the boiler-houses and lumber piles. When he went back to his boarding-house at six o'clock he found a note awaiting him, the address in Murphy's handwriting. With a premonition of coming evil he ripped the end off the envelope. It was short to the verge of curtness.

I have decided that it will be best for me to bid alone to-morrow.

Murphy.

## That was all.

Mechanically, Haliburton put up his hand and shoved his hair back off his forehead. It was a body blow. He felt as if he were standing on the edge
of the world looking over into an abyss.
"The old rogue!" he muttered, recovering his breath and his vocabulary at the same time. "Waited till the last minute, so I'd have no time to arrange for backing to bid again' him. Knows my estimated costs, too, an' just about what my figger 'ud be in case I did manage to get in. He's a shrewd fox! I guess he's got me skinned this time all right."

The following morning the superintendent went into the city to see the bids opened. As he had anticipated, the contract was awarded to Murphy. He made no protest: he felt there was little use in crying over spilled milk.
"Swamped me pretty bad, didn't you," said he to Murphy, meeting him in the elevator. "Still, it might have been worse. I suppose that you want to buy my share o' the plant now."

A deal was effected at the original cost, less ten per cent. for wear and tear.

Haliburton said little about the unfair advantage the contractor had taken of him. The stock-clerk was the only person to whom he mentioned it.
"By Jove, Fonger," said he one morning in an outburst of anger as he thought of the trick that had been played him, "I ain't much on beefing if a man hits me in the wind when I'm not lookin'; I'm supposed to be able to look out for that. But I usually give two back. I'll make Murphy sweat for this yet; you just watch my smoke."

Murphy was having a tremendous run of luck. Within a fortnight after he landed the Ridout Bridge he caught two other large jobs and one smaller one. That put four jobs on his hands all at once. He regretted then that he had broken with Haliburton-that his steady hand was not to guide the work on the Bridge. Unfortunately, the time-limits on the contracts made it imperative that they all be pushed at once. Nor was it only a question of securing capable men to look after the work. To keep three large contracts
going from one month's end to anoiher until the regular estimates came in required no inconsiderable amount of capital.

Thinking the matter over, he resolved to send for Haliburton.

When the superintendent arrived, Murphy was the soul of hospitality. He shoved the door shut and drew up his chair so that they could talk without being overheard.
"Haliburton," said he, "I'm afraid that I haven't treated you just the way I should."
"You've guessed right," assented the superintendent candidly; "you haven't!"

Murphy was considerably taken aback. He had not looked for such matter-of-fact speaking.
" Well," he pursued, hedging, '"perhaps I shouldn't have bid alone the way I did; but there were complications which you don't know anything about that drove me to do it."

The superintendent sniffed audibly.
" You didn't bring me here just to tell me all this. What's your proposition?"
"My proposition is this," said Murphy; "I want to square myself with you if I can. How would you like a piece of the Ridout Bridge to do?"
"How much and on what terms?" questioned Haliburton briefly.
"The abutments, excavations and approaches. You can put me in a bid on it-a private bid, you know; I'm not asking any one else-and if the price is right, I'll hand it over to you."

Murphy was doing no slight favour -to himself! The Ridout Bridge consisted of but the two abutments and the centre pier. The middle one, being in the water, would have to be built by means of caisson work and compressed air. Murphy kept this for himself. It alone was about half the work. The abutments, however, were merely earth and rock excavation, and the approaches simply a case of filling. It meant a lot of work but no unusual difficulties.

Haliburton considered the scheme for a moment. Murphy had cheated
him out of this very work in the first place; and yet, after all, even if it were only a sub-contract, it would be his first job entirely in his own name.
" I'll take you," he said at length, the sentimental reasons weighing against the practical; "send me your specifications and I'll make a bid."
"They'll be ready next week."
Looking over the specifications the following week, Haliburton observed two striking points about them-first, that a lump-sum bid was called for; and, second, that no quantities were mentioned.
"I suppose," thought he, "that the old man doesn't think I need any quantities, seein' I saw them in the original specifications. I'll have to send out and take some for myself."

Then he set about making out his estimate.
" Murphy wants to give me this job," he told Fonger. "There's no reason why I shouldn't charge good prices on it. Considerin' I've got the inside track to the extent of knowin' what the old chap figgered it could be done for, I guess it's up to me to make something here."

Murphy's contract price for the whole Bridge was two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Haliburton's estimate for his "sub," which was just about half of the whole job, was one hundred and twenty-five thousand.
"It's pretty high for a 'sub,'" he explained to the stock-clerk; "but I guess, under the circumstances, it'll go. He wants to get it off his hands and would like me to have it to sort o' appease my mighty wrath, so I guess it'll do."

Murphy accepted the bid.
Then after he had accepted it he wrote Haliburton, furnishing him estimated quantities and asking for a price in detail. The superintendent read the latter.
"Great Scott!" he cried; "would you just look at here, Fonger."

The stock-clerk glanced over it.
" What about it?" he questioned; "I don't see anything."

Then Haliburton changed his mind and resolved to say nothing.
"No," replied he quietly, after a moment's thought; " I don't know as there is anything to see, either."

That night he made out his itemised bid. With infinite care he figured a price per yard for earth and rock excavation, for filling and grading, and for masonry and concreting. He worked
which he found he had to deal. His work became practically a case of excavating in one spot, throwing the earth into buckets, and then, by means of a chain of derricks, passing it a few hundred yards back and using it for fill. He found that for the one handling of material he was receiving payment twice over. He had estimated on having to load the dirt into cars, run them five miles up the line, and then have them bring back a new load for fill and ballast. At the end of each month he put in estimates for the work accomplished during the preceding thirty days. They were promptly paid.

Busy with his other work, Murphy himself paid little attention to these payments, and beyond the mere signing of the checks left the matter entirely in the hands of his bookkeeper, Macpherson, a shrewd old Scotchman. The eleventh estimate, however, happened to catch the contractor's eye. "What's the total we've paid this fellow ?" he asked.
The clerk hastily checked his figures.
"A hundred and thirty-five thousand," said he.
"What!" Murphy had laid his pipe on the table and was looking over the figures. "Must be something wrong with your addition, my man!"

The bookkeeper said nothing. Standing respectfully aside, he allowed the contractor to examine the book. Murphy hastily ran his pencil down the column. Then a panic ensued.

The previous estimates were spread out and the figures carefully compared; even the different items of the estimates themselves were carefully gone into. Three times was the column totalled. Yet the result remained the same.

The day was cool enough, but the contractor was mopping his face. His silk handkerchief was already damp.
" Macpherson," said he to the bookkeeper, "you'd better send young Jenkins over and have Haliburton come down here for half an hour. Tell him I want to see him."
"Haliburton," Murphy questioned when that individual arrived, " what on earth's the matter with these estimates? We've all been figuring for an hour and none of us can make head or tail of them. I wish you'd explain them to me."

A faint smile was playing around the corners of Haliburton's mouth. He glanced through the mass of papers which the contractor had shoved across to him.
" I can't see anything wrong," he replied.

Murphy was beginning to be convinced that everything was not precisely as it ought to be.
"Macpherson," he called, "hand me Mr. Haliburton's lump-sum bid and that bid in detail with our estimated quantities. Bring them into my office when you've got them; we'll get at the bottom of this thing. Come inside, Haliburton."

Murphy closed the door behind the bookkeeper as the latter went out. The superintendent lighted a cigar. He saw that the climax was due and settled himself for the storm.

The contractor paid no attention to the pile of papers which Macpherson had laid on the table.
" Now, then," said he shortly, "I'd like to know what this means. Your bid for that job was a hundred and twenty-five thousand. That was pretty near twenty per cent. higher than I could have got it done for. To-day I find that we've already paid you that, plus an even ten thousand more-and
still you've got a full three months' work ahead of you."

Haliburton grinned. By courtesy, it might have been called a smile of triumph; as a matter of fact, it was just a grin, pure and simple.
"I reckon, Murphy, that maybe the principal trouble is your fault and not any of my making: I've only been sharp enough to take advantage of it. You see, you made a little mistake there a while back and overreached yourself."
"I don't see it." Murphy was beside himself with suppressed rage. Never had anyone dared to speak so plainly to him.
"No, I don't reckon you do. Suppose I put you next and show you what a regular mark you are. Do you remember that lump-sum bid of mine for a hundred and twenty-five thousand? Well, you'd have been all right if you'd had sense enough to stop when you got it. But you didn't; you wanted a detail bid and-well-I gave you one. The only mistake you made was that when you asked for the change and sent me over the quantities so as I could itemise the amount, you underestimated the amount of work!"

The contractor was gasping.
"Yes," pursued Haliburton, enjoying his discomfiture, "the whole difficulty that you're up against now lay in those quantities. You see, I made an estimate of my own when I made my first bid. Then the ones you sent over were 'way small-only about twothirds mine-and to make the amount of my detail bid agree with the total of the lump-sum bid I had already sent you, it was necessary to make my prices per yard just about half as much again as I had originally intended. That's one place I came out ahead."
"And ?"
That was all Murphy said. The shrewdness of the superintendent fascinated him. He hungered for more details.
"Then, you know, seein' your quantities came out less than what actually had to be done, there was a
pile o' extra work-an' that, too, at mighty good prices. That's what's keepin' me busy now. I reckon we'll be through in two or three months more."
"The deuce you will!"
Murphy was completely outdone-. and, worst of all, entirely by himself. He had raised the prices on himself just fifty per cent. more than he need have paid and had made fully onethird of the job rank under the head of "extras," all of which he had to pay for at the same exorbitant terms.

His grasp of the situation was clear and intelligent; and yet it did not increase his wrath against the superintendent. In fact, the effect was quite the opposite. For every dollar out of which the superintendent had beaten him, his respect for the other's business ability jumped a foot.
"Haliburton," said he after a pause, "I guess that when I told you a while back I hadn't treated you right I was talking more horse-sense than I knew. I made a mistake ever to try to shake you; maybe I made another when I offered you a chance at the thing at all afterward-but that's no matter. Now, I've got another proposition to make you. You go right ahead and finish up this bit of work; put me in a bill for every item you can rake up; I deserve to pay it all for being such an ass. When you're through come right over to my office, and we'll hang out that old sign of ours again. I guess it ain't worn out. I'm not as young as I used to be, and I need you in my business. Besides, I'd sooner have you here than on the other side of the fence."

## LINES WRITTEN BY A CERTAIN KING WHILE IN EXILE

BY M. B. DAVIDSON

A
King was I;
My realm a woman's life, My throne a woman's heart, My courtiers her wishes and desires :
My palace was her presence, and her trusting hand The royalist sceptre ever grasped by King:
Hy robe a woman's faith,
My crown a woman's love,
A King was I.
But now beyond the seas I dwell, an unthroned Prince:
For, madly blundering with the power I held,
My palace, sceptre, crown,
And state were snatched away-
An exile 1 .
And yet I wait in hope
To hear across the waves
That some of my old courtiers, faithful still,
Are crying through my long-lost realm: "Bring back our King."

# PASSAGE PAID 

A STORY OF THE EMPIRE

By W. VICTOR COOK

 HE cholera was terrible that year in Aden. Whence it came, no one could tell, whether from the pilgrims and others from the arid Arabian desert inland, or whether from the dhows and sambuks, with their crews of half-caste Arabs and Somalis, that ply hither and thither in the blazing Red Sea. One thing was certain, that it did not come from the great galleries of rock cisterns, whence, from before the dawn of history, Aden, or Eden as the Arabs say, has drawn her supply of water from the hills.

Wherever it came from, the pestilence was there, and men with white faces and men with brown were dying daily and hourly. Aden is the sanatorium of the nearer East, and it is bad when the hospital is smitten.

From the camp, and the barracks, and the great fort that looks out over twenty leagues of sea under the shadow of the circular black rock from whose summit the Empire-flag flies over this lonely outpost, came every day little processions to the throb of a muffled drum; and in the native quarters the death-wail rose dismally, and thin, dark faces, blank with terror, or stolid in their eastern fatalism, stared on the dead as they were carried out from their midst, down the hot, narrow streets of dirty-white houses to the burial ground. The garrison was reduced, and those who remained were marched and countermarched over the barren peninsula to keep up their hearts. And still men died, and the hot, bright sunshine glared down daily on the bare, unshaded black rocks, which stand so lonely, rigid and stern to guard our highway to the East.

Among the rest, the hard-worked " P.M.O." (principal medical officer) died, and his assistant, too, and in
their turn were borne out feet foremost, covered by the flag which they had served so well, behind the muffed drums. In all the rocky peninsula there was no qualified medical man left to minister to thirty-five thousand souls that were rapidly developing "cholera funk" in its worst form.
On the day of the surgeon's death a big dhow, with the wind at her heels, and tossing clouds of spray about her bows, sailed into the little quiet bay under Steamer Point, and dropped her anchor. Into one of the boats of swarthy, sketchily-dressed natives which put out to her, there descended a man in European dress, yet so browned by the sun, and so lank and grave of face that he might have passed for an Arab.

As he walked up towards the Residency this man met the surgeon's funeral, and raising a wide, rough hat of sun-baked straw, stood aside under the shelter of a narrow colonnade to watch it pass. Close beside him a couple of Somali camelmen had halted also with their animals. One of them said something to the other as the drums thrummed sadly by.

The man in the shadow started.
"What's that you say ?" he asked with some eagerness.
The Somali who had spoken stared in amazement at being addressed in his own tongue by a European.
" Akal (master), I said it was the soldier's doctor," he anwered, when his surprise allowed him to speak. "Allah is great."

The man from the dhow said no more, but walked on faster when the procession had passed. By-and-bye he accosted an English private:
"Is it true that the doctor is dead?"
" He was took early this morning in 'orspital. It doubled him up all in a minute, and 'e was dead in five hours."
"Is it bad in the town?"
"Bad! Heavens!" The soldier stared at him fiercely. "Where might you have come from?"
"Obbia."
"You'd best have stopped there," said the private. "You won't live long here, guvnor. It's killing of us at the double, and we've no doctor now, God help us! But it's served, and we've got to eat it."

The brown-tanned man went on his way to the Residency, and encountered the Resident himself at the doors. He saluted.
"I met the doctor's funeral just now, sir. I have passed the medical examinations. I should like to offer you my services."
"Come inside," said the Resident. They went in, and the Resident, whose face was worn and anxious, looked curiously and a little suspiciously at the darkened skin, the curly hair, already grey, and the careless dress of the other.
"I have not seen you before," he said.
"I arrived from Obbia to-day."
"What is your name?"
"Jack Thornton. Once it was Surgeon-Major Thornton. That was ten years ago."
"Do I understand-?"
"I was dismissed the Service."
"Why ?"
"For good reasons, sir. But I was counted a good doctor."
"And since then ?"
"I have been in Somaliland for most of the time as an interpreter for Benadir Trading Company. I happened to be born with a head for languages."
"Why have you come to me?"
The ex-Surgeon-Major hesitated curiously and awkwardly; then looked the Resident in the face with tired grey eyes.
"You will, I daresay, put me down for a fool. I was dismissed, as I have told you. When I came to my senses, I wished to go home-home to England. You understand; I had been already ten years in India. But it
came to me that I could not go home -you follow me-till I had retrieved my character; till there should be something I had done to serve the country I had disgraced. I waited, and waited, and there was nothing I could do. Then they said the cholera was raging here worse than for forty years. It came to me that this was my opportunity; for I am not young, and I wish to rest in an English churchyard. So I came to see if I could pay my passage. I have had a lot to do with cholera, and have lived through it twice myself. Will you take me?"
"Have you your papers, Mr. Thoraton?"

The applicant produced several folded papers from a worn pocketbook, and handed them to the Resident.
"An M.D. of London!" said the Resident, after examining them. He did not suppress a note of surprise.

Thornton nodded.
"I have cabled to Bombay and Cairo," said the Resident. "The authorities will be sending a man as soon as possible, but there may be difficulties. Then there is Sir James Mackinnon, on his way out from London to study the disease on the spot. A brave man, Dr. Thornton."
"And the finest bacteriologist in England."
"You have kept yourself au couramt with the doings of your profession?"
"I walked the hospitals with Mackinnon, and I have had the journal sent out to me."
"Well, if you are prepared to undertake the duties I shall be glad of your services till the authorities send, Thernton. We none of us know whose turn it will be to-morrow. With regard to pay-"
"I fear you have misunderstood me, sir. I can take no pay. I have made money. It is not much, but it will last the time that is left for me."
"As you please," said the Resident a little wearily. "But you will need some sort of outfit."
"I have loft a small chest on the dhow that brought me from Obbia.

What else is needed doubtless I shall find in the surgeon's quarters."

Accordingly it came to pass that Dr. Thornton was installed in the place of the dead man he had met on his arrival, and set to work to fight the pestilence.

Day after day he fought it, striving hand to hand, as it were, with Death. It seemed as if nothing could outweary the doctor. Early and late he laboured, going the rounds of the garrison, the telegraph quarters, and the town, till even the panic-stricken, nerved or shamed by his example, took heart of grace again. Yet still the little daily procession wound into the burial ground, and still the wild lament went up from the native hovels in the town. Everywhere he went the grave-faced doctor left a joke and a brave word for the faint-hearted, and where he got the jokes from was a problem defying solution.

The Colonel commanding the garrison remonstrated with him for overworking himself, and, failing to convince him, confided to the Resident his fears that Thornton would kill himself off before the new man could arrive.

The Resident meeting him one day galloping in the heat of noon to treat a fresh victim, pulled him up.
"Doctor, we shall be burying you before long," he said. "Where will the garrison be then? They tell me you hardly eat or sleep. Man, it can't be done!"
"It's got to be done, sir," said the doctor, reining in his lathered horse. The grey-haired man's eyes flashed; he had the enthusiasm of youth once more. "You don't understand. I'm all right. You are looking worried and worn-out, sir. I'll send you something to tone you up to-night. We must keep the outworks in good trim, or the enemy may jump on us unawares."

He was gone at a hand-gallop ere the pale and weary Resident could reply.

Day followed day. The doctor hardly knew one from another as he went about his tireless work. Gradually, very gradually, the pestilence gave
way, or declined in rigour. No one had come yet from Bombay, but there had been no deaths of white residents for three days when, after three weeks, the boat that went out to receive the mails from the passing liners brought back Sir James Mackinnon.

The famous London physician landed in the morning. In the afternoon he visited the European isolation hospital, where half-a-dozen patients, motionless and apathetic, or tormented by horrible cramps, lay slowly recovering from the dreadful stage of collapse. Before sunset Thornton took him at his request to see some stricken natives; and at midnight a hurried messenger brought Thornton from his quarters, to find the plucky physician in the throes of the awful disease in the same building he had inspected a few short hours before.

All the rest of that night Thornton spent at his side. It was well on in the following morning when he left him at last to make his round of inspection and snatch a hasty meal. "Send for me directly if he seems to grow worse," he told the army nurse in charge of the ward. "Don't hesitate. Dr. Mackinnon is one of the most valuable men we have in England, and you and I must see to it that we pull him through."

In the afternoon he was back again. Dr. Mackinnon's was a rapid case, and already the critical stage was on him. He lay bloodless and livid, his skin cold and clammy to the touch, his eyes bloodshot and deep sunk in the sockets, his breathing well-nigh imperceptible. Thornton listened anxiously through his stethoscope. The heart of the man who a day gone was in the prime of his strength beat now so faintly that even with the aid of the instrument he could scarcely detect its pulsations. The brave physician lay far in the shadow of death. The very juices of life were dried at their source.

In such cases the minutes are big with fateful possibility. Thornton sat by the bedside, watching with tense and almost painful eagerness his unconscious patient, and from time to
time glancing at his watch. Would the longed-for reaction set in, and this life, so precious to his country, be saved to continue its career of usefulness? Or would the lingering spark die out altogether, and one of the greatest benefactors of his race die here, where he had come to help, a useless sacrifice on the altar of humanity?

An hour passed and there was no change; two hours, and still the coma lasted, and still Thornton kept desperate vigil, while the nurse glanced at him from time to time, with a quiet curiosity.

But the long tension was relieved at last. Faintly, very faintly, the signs of life returned into the corpse-like face; the livid hues faded, and the death-like set of the features relaxed. Thornton wiped the sweat from his own face, and rose, giving the nurse directions as he passed out. The crisis was over, and care and the physician's constitution would do the rest.

Crossing the parade ground he met the Colonel.
"Hullo, Thornton-seen your new colleague yet?"

What colleague, Colonel ?"
"Finlayson-Surgeon-Major. Just landed from the Indus. I say-how's Sir James Mackinnon?"
"He has pulled through the worst. I think he will live."
"Good! By Jove, it would never do to let a man like that lose his life chasing germs in this God-forsaken hole. The country owes you something, Doctor. I suppose we shall be losing you, now Finlayson has come?"
"Yes-I've paid my passage, Colonel."
"We shall be sorry to lose you, Dr. Thornton. Upon my word, I never felt so grateful as when you took us in hand. The men were getting into a thorough blue funk."

Thornton thanked the Colonel, and walked on till he found himself on the barren, sun-baked hills. From an eminence he looked over the town and the sea, at the small shipping in the Back-bay, and at the diminishing bulk
of a big steamer, which he judged to be the Indus. His eyes, as he gazed after her longingly, had a far-away look. She was homeward bound from India. It was nearly twenty years now since he had seen the white cliffs of Dover loom up from the grey-green Channel.

Returning from his walk, he found everything going well in the ward, where he introduced himself to his successor. Three hours had made all the difference to Sir James Mackinnon, and though he was still at death's door from utter prostration, his face was now turned away from it. Thornton went to his quarters and flung himself down to sleep.

There would be no homeward-bound vessel calling for a fortnight. The European quarter was practically free now, but there were still frequent deaths from cholera among the composite native population. Thornton took leave of the Resident and the officers of the garrison, and established himself among the frightened Arabs and Somalis, so as not to carry the peril back to his fellows.

Day by day he continued to fight the pestilence that devoured the unclean, ignorant natives. Their sullen suspicions quickly succumbed before the ministrations of one who could abuse them roundly in their own tongue, while risking his life to cure them. Scowling, dark faces relaxed as he passed; his ears were saluted with "Mort, mort" (welcome) as he paced the narrow alleys on his saving mission, and now and again he would be blessed with a grateful "Kul liban, aban," by victims whom he had dragged from the clutch of the pestilence.

On the day before the steamer was due, Thornton passed through the European quarter to make some purchases. He stood bargaining in a store, and while he spoke a horrid spasm seized him. Gasping with the pain, he snatched for support at the door, and turned to leave the place. Even as he did so a second spasm took him.

In half an hour he was in the cholera ward. Finlayson, the new garrison doctor, shook his head when he saw him.
" Poor fellow, I don't think he has the stamina to pull through. He looks worn out."

The nurse, who had conceived an admiration for the quiet, grey-haired man to whom the garrison owed so much, tended him like a sister to the end. His agony was short and sharp. " Is the ship come?" he groaned once in delirium. "I've paid my passage."

The nurse repeated the phrase to the Colonel when he came to ask after the patient, and she, with red eyes, had to say that he was gone. The Colonel repeated it again to the Resident.
"It's a queer example of the cussedness of things, sir, that the poor fellow should go and die just as the ship dropped her anchor. We owe him something for pulling us through a tight pinch."
"It was a man's work," said the Resident, " and manfully done. He told me he was a soldier in his time, but they kicked him out of the army. He didn't tell me why. God knows. He wanted to lie in an English churchyard.
"Poor beggar!" said the Colonel.
"Cover him with the flag," said the Resident, " and lay him with the regiment. It's the nearest we can do."

So it came to pass that Dr. Thornton, too, was borne out on a gun-
carriage when the time came for his last journey.
"God rest his soul!" said the Colonel. "By Jove, look at the niggers! They're coming to the funeral."
"Well they may! He gave them his life," said the Resident.
"Pity to waste it so."
"I don't know," said the Resident slowly. "We've sown a few lives like his, up and down the Empire. They bring us a better harvest than Maxim bullets, in the long run."

Timidly, and at a respectful distance, a motley crowd of skinny, half-caste Arabs, and wild, high-cheeked Somalis, hung on the flanks of the procession.
"Wa, wa! brother," said a ragged camel-driver to his mate. "The cursed drum shakes my heart! Why do the unbelievers beat the war-drums over their dead?"
"Inshallah! To drive away the spirits, fool, of those the dead warrior has slain."
"But this was no warrior."
"I know not. But he was a true man, and laughed in the eyes of death. He saved my son, brother."
"See-they are at the burying. place. Allah give him paradise!"

A volley rang out over the grave.
"Ekh! That is for the evil spirits. Wa, wa! brothers, he is gone. Allah akbar!"

And from the huddled crowd of natives there went up a long-drawn, doleful cry.

# TIPPING-A DEFENCE 

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HAT travellers dislike and waiters appear to like the "tipping system" may be taken as a proof of our superficiality as a race. After much listening to the grumbling of travellers on the subject, I have gathered that they object to it chiefly because it is expensive and annoyingthat it means a giving of something for nothing, and a possible exposure to a more or less mild rudeness if by chance they fall below the tip expected. That anyone should imagine that in paying so universal a tribute as the tip he is giving "something for nothing," must surely be construed as "lèse majesté" with respect to the great competitive system which keeps the world's business going. From the same travellers who growl at tipping, I hear pathetic stories of waiters who work long and toilsome hours for nothing but the chance to pick up tips; and of others, more hardly used still, who actually pay for the privilege of putting napkins over their arms and presenting themselves at your left hand. This, it seems to me, should suggest to the traveller the obvious thought that he is paying with his tip his share of the waiter's wages. To be sure, it does suggest it to many travellers; but that only serves to increase their sense of outrage, for they contend that they pay it over again in the landlord's bill.

Here is where their want of respect for the competitive system betrays itself. They would be ready enough probably to explain the willingness of the waiters to take positions with little or no pay beyond the "gratuities" of travellers by pointing to the swarms of even less well paid men behind them eager to take their places. That is all clear enough. Competition drives the waiter to his lowest price in spite of his wearing the uniform of gentility; but
does it retreat before the august front of the landlord? Is he able to defy it, and pocket pay for the services of his waiters twice over-once from the customer and once from the poor waiter himself who works for the landlord for nothing? Most assuredly not. There is no fiercer competition as a rule than the rivalry of hotels; and at no point do they compete more keenly than in the cutting of rates. On the continent of Europe, for example, where tipping has its widest sway, population presses very hard upon the means of subsistence, and competition has crowded eager humanity into every crevice of opportunity. It may be taken for granted that when the traveller gives competition a chance to operate-that is, enquires prices of different estab-lishments-he is not usually paying more for a thing or a service than it is worth at that time and place. If a landlord does not pay his waiters-or underpays them-he is able to sell you a set meal at a lower price than he otherwise could; and if he does not do it, some one else will do so, and in time will get his trade away from him. Economic law is, of course, something like a thick liquid and finds its level somewhat slowly, but it finds it.

So the traveller is really in the position of dealing at first hand with the waiter. He buys from the landlord so much cooked food, the use of table furniture and a place in which to dine, and he buys independently from the waiter the serving of his dinner. He may, of course, only partly pay the waiter, but I am taking the extreme case for the sake of clearness. Now he buys this service directly from the waiter; but there is no previous agreement as to the price to be paid. That is absoutely optional with the traveller, and he may, if he wishes, pay nothing. Yet it is the traveller who objects to the system, and the waiter who is sus-
pected of fostering it! As to the genuineness of the average traveller's objection, there can be no doubt; but I wonder what would happen if the waiter were offered a weekly payment, representing a fair average of his tips, in lieu of them. Of course, if he does not get the substitute, he wants the tips; but his eagerness for them may not mean that he likes that way of collecting his wages. In fact, the recent protest against "tipping" by the waiters of Paris, shows that they, at all events, do not like this method.

For the "tipper," however, the system would seem to be full of advantages. He is, to begin with, a joint employer, with the landlord, of the waiter. The waiter must please him on pain of losing part of his salary. A clerk in a store is in no such position, though his success depends upon pleasing customers and selling goods; and a customer can hardly fail to notice the difference in the attitude toward himself of a tipless clerk and a tip-earning waiter. Yet in everything but the tip they stand on similar ground. Thus, by reason of the tip system, the traveller is able to command a much more attentive and courteous service than he would otherwise get. It puts the waiter, indeed, into an entirely different attitude from that which he would occupy if tipping had never been heard of. He knows now that the size of his tip-i.e., his wage -depends largely upon the amount of pleasing service he can seem to render to the traveller, and the result is that he is always seeking opportunities to be of use. Let him be paid a fixed salary and never get a tip and, if he is human like the rest of us, he will do his work well, but will let the opportunities for extra services seek him, not always to find him. In the course of a number of wheeling tours in out-of-the-way places as well as on beaten tracks, I have had to do with both kinds of hotel servants, and it makes all the difference in the world which sort you find when you ride up to a hotel in a rain storm. The man who sees a special tip in your soaked con-
dition, offers to clean your bicycle, and does it thoroughly, so that he can call your attention to the fact, while another servant is delighted to take your clothes away and dry them with care and celerity. But at a hotel where tips have been too rare to be expected, you are apt to find the servants very busy on such an occasion, and unless you are dealing with the landlord himself, your dripping clothes may even be begrudged a place near the solitary fire. Usually, if you care anything for your bicycle you will clean it yourself, letting your clothes dry on you as you work. There are things to be said in favour of this system, but it is the system of doing without services, not of getting them. When you really want something done for you, it is emphatically not the best way.
"But it degrades the waiter!"
This is the most plausible objection one hears. Being of the 'my brother's keeper" brand of argument, it deprecates a too critical examination, and it jumps so well with the feeling, instinctive with us of the English stock, that attentiveness is a kind of servility that it seldom fails to carry conviction. Then is not the notion as broad as civilisation that service is servile-and especially personal service? Therefore whatever makes the servant more a servant must degrade him. The logical outcome of this line of reasoning is that the churlish servant is the best servant, and that a proper social order would abolish all service. In the millennium, then, we shall all cook our own dinners and take turns in waiting on each other, with the result that many of us will eat some very bad dinners and the waiting will not all be done by the waiters. In fact, any seeking that kind of a millennium should look backward rather than forward, for the barbarian was a self-sufficient being, and the chief business of advancing civilisation has been the multidivision of labour.

But whence the stupid notion that personal service is servile? It springs partly from the fact that for a long time it was the task of slaves, but
probably more from the circumstance that it is not now very well paid. And neither reason is worth the ink it takes to write it. The man who serves your dinner well is performing as worthy an act as the man who cooks it well, or the man who grows good beef to be be cooked-or the man who lightens your proper punishment with his medical skill if you are tempted to eat too much of it. That being granted, anything that encourages the waiter to do his work with tact and something akin to enthusiasm, is not necessarily a bad influence. If waiting is not degrading per se, neither is zeal in waiting. As I have said before, the traveller is simply in the position of doing business directly with the waiter, and an effect is produced precisely like that which every lady shopper notices when she deals with the proprietor of a small store instead of with a salaried clerk in a large establishment. That is, the proprietor-and the waiter-take more pains to sell their goods, and this is no more degrading to the one than it is to the other.

Two elements, however, enter into the transaction with the waiter which are absent in the other case. One is the common impression, possibly often shared by the waiter, that the tip is a gratuity and not a payment for services rendered, and the second is the natural corollary of this, viz., the power of the traveller to let other things than the value of the service determine the size of his tip. He may arbitrarily cut his tip in half, or he may not know the sum usually calculated upon, and the waiter has no recourse but to look glum. But these need not be fatal objections to a system which otherwise works so well. A little thinking should reveal to both waiter and waited upon that the tip is not a gift, but the payment of a debt; while the cut in the waiter's wages because of the tips he is likely to get has, no doubt, been fixed by a study of long averages which takes account of the
small tipper as well as his more lavish fellow - traveller. The improvement that the tipping system is most in need of is, undoubtedly, more conscientiousness on the part of the tippers. The tip should gauged by the value of the services and not by the momentary comfort of the traveller as he passes through the household parade on his way to his carriage. He is not distributing largess, but paying debts of honour, and he should do it with as scrupulous a care, at least, as the gambler shows in meeting his obligations of the same character. In a few places-among the porters at certain railway stations, for example-a tip tariff has already been introduced, but this, if it became general, would kill a vital part of the system. Under an iron tariff, a bad waiter would get as much as a good, and extraordinary services would not be provided for. Still, if travellers abuse the tipping system, presuming upon its voluntary character to pay little or nothing, and making it a point of grievance against the tip-earning callings, they will be met some day with a tariff, when they will pay as much as they do now and get less. For a tip fixed by tariff would be practically an addition to the hotel bill, and the waiter would become a salaried servant instead of an independent proprietor selling his labour to you on the common ground of another man's hotel.

Possibly the waiter would like this better. Many men prefer a salary to the chances of business. But that it would increase his real independence and self-respect is, I think, open to doubt; for indifference is not independence, and a man's self-respect does not suffer when he wins the wages of success in his chosen calling. As for the traveller, the day he succeeds in killing the tipping system, he punctures the softest air cushion that now eases for him the jolts of his journeyings over the highways of the world.

# ROBERTS AND THE INFLUENCES OF HIS TIME 

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V-THE AVE. REFLECTIVE POETRY, THE BOOK OF THE NATIVE


N 1892 Mr . Roberts published the $A v e$, a poem for the centenary of Shelley. In this poem he once more makes use of a grand traditional form of poetry, for the Ave belongs both by its elevation of style and its manner of treating the subject to that high imaginative form of elegy which Shelley's Adonais, Arnold's Thyrsis and Swinburne's Ave atque Vale have made familiar to English readers.
A sea this is-beware who ventureth! For like a fiord the narrow floor is laid Mid-ocean deep to the sheer mountain walls.

These lines, which Mr. R. W. Gilder wrote of the sonnet, might be applied with even more truth to this high form of elegy. There is no poetry which needs a more mystic, intimate and profoundly essential contact with its subject than this elegiac chant of the poet over his dead brother. It must be, in order to hold its place in that great line of tradition which reaches from the first idyll of Theocritus to the Ave atque Vale, a subtle and strangely perfect expression of the spirit and genius of the departed one. It is the modern poet's visit to the nether world of shades, in which

## Piping a ditty sad for Bion's fate,

he seeks the soul of his lost brother in the immortal gloom, and gives the world something like a farewell vision of him. And the worth of the vision lies not merely in the high, impassioned music of the song, but in the way in which the lost Bion's figure assumes the transcendent and almost impersonal outlines of an elemental spiritual force that has been withdrawn from the sum of life. In such work there is no room for the commoner style of characterisation and estimate
which may fitly find a place in ordinary eulogistic and memorial verse. The strain is altogether of a higher mood, and the logic scorns the ordinary limits of thought, to use a mystic symbolism of its own. You may, if you like, use all the remote and unreal conventions which have distinguished pastoral elegy since its birth, but you must give them an atmosphere, a far depth of outlook over human fate and history, in which they become again, for once, all true. You may call upon Pan and the Nymphs with Theocritus, or upon the "mighty mother" with Shelley, or like Swinburne have visions of the "gods of gloom" and
That thing transformed which was the Cytherean.
But all these things must be felt as a sincere symbolism of a mystery in which the fate of the poet living and that of his dead brother are alike bound or even blended. There is immense license for the imagination, yet nowhere is the call for sincerity in the deepest sense of the word more imperative.

In the Adonais, for example, the thought sweeps wildly through that vast, vague, pantheistic and Platonic universe in which Shelley's soul dwelt, but there is a transcendental harmony and unity in the assemblage of elements there, contradictory and incongruous as they might seem in the work of another. That is Shelley's world, from which his cry comes to us with a passionate sincerity:

[^6]Peace, peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep!
He hath awakened from the dream of life; 'Tis we who, lost in stormy visions, keep

With phantoms an unprofitable strife.
So in the Ave atque Vale, Swinburne's impassioned elegy for Baudelaire, all the strange forms of imaginative appeal from the "god of suns and songs" to the "god bitter and luxurious," are true formulas for the psychic life alike of the singer and of him who is the subject of the song. And the lyrical cry is in full accord with the feeling of the whole:
Not thee, O never thee, in all time's changes, Not thee, but this the sound of thy sad soul.

This form of elegy, indeed, may be said to require for its happiest accomplishment a strong moral and even mental affinity to exist between the singer and his lost brother, otherwise the song lacking confidence and intimacy would fail somewhere of its effect.

Mr. Roberts calls his poem an ode, but, on the whole, he makes it conform to the requirements of the pastoral elegy. He begins by some stanzas which describe the scenery of his own Tantramar and the high intimations and visitations which came to him there. In this way, rather than by any more intimate and psychological method, he modestly ventures to associate his own psychic and poetic world with that of the poet of the Prometheus. The manner, however, in which be makes the transition from the one theme to the other is forced and unnatural. After describing the ebb and flow of the tides in the marshes of Tantramar, he continues thus:

Strangely akin you seem to him whose birth One hundred years ago,
With fiery succour to the ranks of song Defied the ancient gates of wrath and wrong.

That is a disenchanting glimpse of the artist's hand in a moment of embarrassment and difficulty, and quite destroys the impression of inevitableness which poetry should give.

After eleven stanzas devoted to Tantramar the poet begins a series of
lofty characterisations of the genius ot Shelley as exhibited in his principal poems. There is an imaginative brilliancy about these characterisations. They are large, loose and sweeping, but for that very reason they are particularly suited to the nature of the subject. Indeed, the large rhetorical fluency of the style has something which in its way resembles the wide sweep and movement of Shelley's own glance. The following stanzas are a fair example of the very mingled yarn of fine and commonplace in the Ave:

The star that burns on revolution smote
Wild hents and change on thine ascendant sphere,
Whose influence therealter seemed to float
Through many a strange eclipse of wrath and fear,
Dimming awhile the radiance of thy love.
But still supreme in thy nativity,
All dark, invidious aspects far above,
Beamed one clear orb for thee-
The star whose ministrations just and strong
Controlled the tireless flight of Dante's song.
With how august contrition, and what tears Of penitential, unavailing shame,
Thy venerable foster-mother hears
The sons of song impeach her ancient name,
Because in one rash hour of anger blind
She thrust thee forth in exile, and thy feet
Too soon to earth's wild outer ways consigned-
Far from her well-loved seat,
Far from her studious halls and storied towers
And weedy Isis winding through his flowers.
And thou, thenceforth the breathless child of change,
Thine own Alastor, on an endless quest
Of unimagined loveliness didst range,
Urged ever by the soul's divine unrest.
Of that high quest and that unrest divine
Thy first immortal music thou didst make, Inwrought with fairy Alp, and Reuss, and Rhine,
And phantom seas that break
In soundless foam along the shores of Time, Prisoned in thine imperishable rhyme.

I would not like to have to mark all the common and coarsely hazarded phrases in the Ave, but still there is a fervour and intensity of utterance in it which redeems its faults in this way and gives it as a whole the excellence of spontaneity and vigour. At times, too, particularly where the poet has the direct support of imaginative asso-
ciations from Shelley's own writings, the Ave has a fine and rare quality of imaginative characterisation, as in the apostrophe to the Baths of Caracalla and that sky of Rome from which Shelley, as he tells us himself, drew a subtle strength and inspiration while writing his Prometheus Unbound:
O Baths of Caracalla, arches clad
In such transcendent rhapsodies of green,
That one might guess the sprites of spring were glad
For your majestic ruin, yours the scene, The illuminating air of sense and thought;

And yours the enchanted light, O skies of Rome,
Where the great vision into form was wrought;

Beneath your blazing dome
The intensest song our language ever knew Beat up exhaustless to the blinding blue!

In the last part of the poem, from the twenty-first stanza onwards, the Ave begins to assume the character of grand elegiac vision and lament; the poet ventures on freer wing into the high, ethereal region into which the Lycidas and the Adonais followed their Greek models, and we hear again all the well-known elegiac cries:

Mourn, Mediterranean waters, mourn
In affluent purple down your golden shores!

## or,

Not thou, not thou-for thou wert in the light Of the Unspeakable, where time is not.
The general treatment in this part resembles most that of the Adonais. There is a free mingling of tones and fancies from every region of thought, the orthodox Christian hope, the conception of an "eventual element of calm," as Browning's Cleon describes it, and the classical Elysian vision, Homer, Plato, Job, Omar, Shakespeare and the rest of the immortals greeting the latest comer:
There face to face thou sawest the living God
And worshippedst, beholding Him the same
Adored on earth as Love *.
In that unroutable profound of peace, Beyond experience of pulse and breath,

Beyond the last release
Of longing, rose to greet thee all the lords
Of Thought, with consummation in their words:

He of the seven cities claimed, whose eyes
Though blind, saw gods and heroes, and the fall
Of Ilium, and many alien skies
And Circe's isle; and he etc., etc.
The poet even uses the great freedom of vision allowed in this species of poem to describe Shelley's disembodied spirit looking on at his own obsequies:
And thou didst contemplate with wonder strange
And curious regard thy kindred flame Fed sweet with frankincense and wine and salt,
With fierce purgation search thee.
In the ecstatic flow of images and utterance which characterises this last part of the poem there is a wonderful mixture of the true and the false, the beautiful and the commonplace, the grand and the grandiose. The Ave is a splendid rhetorical effort, a bold but somewhat unregulated flight of fancy through the empyrean, marked by many irrelevancies, of course, and mistaken toyings with every breeze that blows. It gives us some very fine characterisations of Shelley's genius, but it can hardly be said to create a new elegiac world for us or add a new and pure mould to the great elegies of the past. It owes something to the vigorous flow of its verse. The great ro-line stanza with the strong cadence of its closing couplet, made stronger by the shortening of the preceding line, is urged, through modulations and harmonies not always of the finest or smoothest kind, into great vigour of movement; and sometimes, as in the 18th, 23 rd and 24 th stanzas, reaches high melodic effects. In the Ave, as elsewhere, the work of Roberts has nothing either of the weakness or fineness of inlay work; its qualities are rather those of the improvisatore.

All the poems of Roberts which we have passed in review so far, belong more or less to the poetry of nature description, unless the Ave be a partial exception. But during the last decade of the nineteenth century the poet had evidently begun to feel that he had done his best in that region and might
now try something a little different. At any rate in his next volume, The Book of the Native, published in 1897 , most of the poems have a new critical and reflective vein in them. It is a very mixed vein, as the character of Roberts' thought in poetry always is, drawing from different and heterogeneous sources with a kind of inconscient recklessness. The Heal-All, for example, is a pure Wordsworthian product in phrase, ethical feeling and reflection:

Thy unobtrusive purple face Amid the meagre grass
Greets me with long remembered grace, And cheers me as I pass.

Thy simple wisdom I would gain, To heal the hurt Life brings,
With kindly cheer, and faith in pain, And joy of common things.
The Quest of the Arbutus, on the other hand, is pure Emersonian optimism with touches of Emersonian phrase:

> Because the tardy gods grew kind, Unrest and care were cast behind; I took a day and found the world Was fashioned to my mind.

But it ends suddenly on the chord of the sentimental:

And then the world's expectancy Grew clear: I knew its need to be Not this dear flower, but one dear hand To pluck the flower with me.
That last is a note which has not been much heard in Roberts' poetry as yet, but is soon to rise much higher and almost silence all the others. But not yet. At this time the most striking feature of his poetry is a kind of philosophic mysticism, which might be considered as one way of escaping from the traditional point of view which had grown banal for poetry by much repetition. For the poetry of Roberts at this period, like Canadian poetry in general, still held by the old ethical traditions of the great English and American schools of the previous generation. It was virtually unstirred by the subtle reactions of thought, the love of ethical paradox and the neurotic delicacy of sensibility which char-
acterise the French Verlaines and Mallarmés of the time. Not a ripple from the Chat Noir and the cafés by the Seine had touched it, as the verse of Bliss Carman, for example, had already been touched by the manner and sentiment of the Romances Sans Paroles. It was in the direction of a philosophic mysticism, then, for which Emerson had already in a measure prepared the American public, that Roberts now sought an escape from the ordinary, from the traditional, from the grand ethical highway of the poets now become too much of a common thoroughfare. The form which this philosophic mysticism takes in such poems as Autochthon and The Unsleeping may be described as a poetic treatment of the cosmic process, and owes a good deal to Emerson, whose curt and keenedged phrase set the style for this oracular verse. Here are some lines from Autochthon:

I am the spirit astir To swell the grain
When fruitful suns confer With labouring rain;
I am the life that thrills In branch and bloom; I am the patience of abiding hills, The promise masked in doom.
I am the hush of calm, I am the speed,
The flood-tide's triumphant psalm, The marsh pool's heed;
I work in rocking roar Where cataracts fall;
I flash in the prismy fire that dances o'er The dew's ephemeral ball.
The Unsleeping is in the same style of thought, only in a different metre:

> Theave aloft the smoking hill: To silent peace its throes I still, But ever at its heart of fire. I lurk, an unassuaged desire. I wrap me in the sightless germ An instant or an endless term; And still its atoms are my care, Dispersed in ashes or in air.

Modern science has taken much of the mysticism out of this old Emersonian vein. The idea of one power which works through all things has been made so definite by the far-reaching monistic conceptions of modern science
that it is a very easy task for any poet to personify it and illustrate it throughout the whole length and breadth of natural phenomena in the universe. It is a cosmic process which explains all and engulfs all in a principle of absolute identity. It includes everything without adding a definite idea to anything. Professor Rand, I notice, is quite as nimble in making use of it as Mr. Roberts is. His poem "I Am" has just as good a right to the title of "Autochthon" or "The Unsleeping" as these have to the title of "I Am."

I am in blush of the rose, The shimmer of dawn; Am girdle Orion knows, The fount undrawn.

I am earth's potency, The chemic ray, the rain's, The reciprocity That loads the wains.
In Origins the treatment is different. The cosmic process now appears as scientifically impersonal and involving the human race in the material chain of phenomena:

Inexorably decreed By the ancestral deed, The puppets of our sires, We work out blind desires, And for our sons ordain The blessing or the bane. In ignorance we stand With fate in either hand, And question stars and earth
Of life, and death, and birth, With wonder in our eyes We scan the kindred skies, While through the common grass Our atoms mix and pass.
At the end of the poem, however, Mr. Roberts rescues himself from the grasp of this sombre scientific necessitarianism in a manner which the professors of metaphysics will regard, I fear, as another instance of poetic levity:

But in the urge intense
And fellowship of sense,
Suddenly comes a word
In other ages heard.
On a great wind our souls
Are borne to unknown goals,
And past the bournes of space
To the unaverted Face.
This sudden leap of faith as an immediate antithesis to admitted scien-
tific fact is hardly as happy as Browning's famous use of it against philosophic doubt:
Just when we are safest, there is a sunset touch, etc.
Faith does not make a good antithesis to scientific fact; but yet, taking it in a large view, it is true that the word "in other ages heard" is the centre of that impulse which will not wholly yield the ground to science.

But, as a matter of fact, this logical opposition of diverging lines of thought gives the poet no trouble. In Ascription, Immanence, Earth's Complines and other poems of this collection, it disappears completely, and the cosmic process presents itself with equal facility as under the direct control of the Creator:

> O Thou who hast beneath Thy hand The dark foundations of the land, The motion of whose ordered thought An instant universe hath wrought.

> Who hast within thy equal heed The rolling sun, the ripening seed, The azure of the speedwell's eye The vast solemnities of sky.

> Who hear'st no less the feeble note Of one small bird's a wakening throat, Than that unnamed, tremendous chord Arcturus sounds before his Lord.

Every age has its own language. Ascription is a fine new igth century dress for Addison's Ode. Instead of "the spacious firmament on high " read "the vast sublimities of sky," and for the "spangled heavens proclaim," etc., read "that unnamed tremendous chord" which Arcturus sounds.

These philosophical poems are an interesting reflection of the general attitude of our age in matters of faith and knowledge. The easy way in which it holds in its mind diverging theories and lines of thought without caring to pursue them to the point at which contradictions make themselves harshly felt, accepting each to some extent as having its truth, bridging over difficulties with a hazy logic, and waiting without much anxiety for a solution which will preserve all it wants to preserve, this attitude, very characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon mind in particular,
has much practical wisdom in it. But one would not consider the poetry which reflects this attitude so naively to be much of a contribution to the interpretation of life. There are some sweet, natural notes, however, in The Book of the Native when the poet lays aside philosophic theory, which is generally a poor support for poetic fancy, and gives a free expression to what he feels, to what he hopes or fears, as in this, from Kinship:

Back to wisdom take me, mother, Comfort me with kindred hands;
Teach me tales the world's forgetting Till my spirit understands.

Tell me how some sightless impulse, Working out a hidden plan,
God for kin and clay for fellow, Wakes to find itself a man.

Or this from Recessional:
Moth and blossom, blade and bee, Worlds must go as well as we, In the long procession joining Mount and star, and sea.

Toward the shadowy brink we climb
Where the round year rolls sublime; Rolls, and drops, and falls forever
In the vast of time;
Like a plummet plunging deep
Past the utmost reach of sleep, Till remembrance has no longer Care to laugh or weep.

That is the old lyrical note of Longfellow, a little amplified by modern phrase, but still simple and tender, and it seems to be the note most natural to Roberts in those reflective poems.

## TO BE CONCLUDED

## A RECKONING

## BY THEODORE ROBERTS

" There will come a reckoning with England. * * * We recognise her as our old enemy, who has stood in the path of Russian develop-ment."-Prince Hespere Oukhtomsky.
YE who would reckon with EnglandYe who would sweep the seas
Of the flag that Rodney nailed aloft And Nelson flung to the breezeCount well your ships and your men, Count well your horse, and your guns,
For they who reckon with England Must reckon with England's sons.
Ye who would challenge EnglandYe who would break the might
Of the little isle in the foggy sea And the lion-heart in the fightCount well your horse, and your swords, Weigh well your valour and guns, For they who ride against England Must sabre her million sons.
Ye who would roll to warfare Your hordes of peasants and slaves,
To crush the pride of an empire And sink her fame in the waves-
Test well your blood and your mettle, Count well your troops and your guns,
For they who battle with England Must war with a Mother's sons.


GENERAL NOGI AND STAFF AT PORT ARTHUR
The great siege of Port Arthur, which closed on January ist, will always be memorable in military annals. The greatest reputation in connection with it is that which comes to General Nogi, who is the central figure in this group of officers. He is conspicuous because of his beard. At his right hand is MajorGeneral Ijichi, who was the officer empowered by the Emperor to sign the capitulation papers on behalf of Japan. The centrepiece on the table is a sixinch Russian shell which adds a touch of grim reality to this memorable picture of a memorable historic event.


A JAPANESE CAMP BEFORE PORT ARTHUR

Here are pictured the shelter tents and picketed horses of a part of the Third Army Division of the Japanese besieging force, in a valley about four miles north of Port Arthur. The barren, rocky nature of the mountainous country gives a desolate air to the landscape. Even at this distance, shells from the big siege guns at the Russian batteries occasionally came flying over the mountains and ploughed up the ground in the camp where they burst. This picture was taken about October ist, when the weather was still warm and the sun still powerful.


A GROUP OF WOUNDED JAPANESE

This picture taken about October ist also shows how strong was the sunlight at that time. The enormous number of wounded Japanese was the natural result of the absolutely fearless charges made by the brave soldiers of General Nogi's army. The grim horror of it all may be gathered from such a photograph as this. The price paid for Port Arthur was great, but such things are likely to occur again and again, until that distant time
"When the war drum beats no longer and the battle-flag is furled."


JAPANESE SHELLS NEAR PORT ARTHUR
Some idea of the vast quantities of large shells required in a modern siege may be gathered from this unique photograph. Millions of dollars' worth of ammunition were expended in the great struggle for the possession of Port Arthur. These shells were loaded on small trucks, running over temporary tracks, and thus carried to feed the huge and hungry siege guns.


QUEBEC-PLOUGHING NEAR ST. PRIME

# AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS IN QUEBEC 

By G. BORON



HILE the eyes of many people in this country and elsewhere have been turned towards the Northwest as a place where development was proceeding at race-horse speed, the Province of Quebec has been developing agriculturally at a rate almost unparalleled. For example, between 1891 and 1901, the value of the dairy products produced in the factories of that province increased 341 per cent.

The following comparison will show how, agriculturally, Quebec compares with the other provinces:
anNUAL VALUE OF FIELD AND LIVE STOCK PRODUCTS

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| Ontario $\ldots \ldots . .$. \$197,000,000 <br> Quebec $\ldots . . . . .$. $8,000,000$ <br> Manitoba $\ldots . . .$. $24,000,000$ <br> Nova Scotia $\ldots . .$. $16,000,000$ <br> Territories ........ $13,000,000$ <br> New Brunswick $13,000,000$ <br> Prince Edward Island $7,000,000$ <br> British Columbia $7,000,000$ <br> It will thus be seen that the farms of Quebec produce more annually than is produced in all the other provinces and territories put together, excluding the Province of Ontario. |
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NEW QUEBEC - THE HOUSE OF GEORGE AUDET, A NEW SETTLER AT PETITE PERIBONKA. IN THE FOREGROUND HIS 15 -YEAR-OLD WIFE


Quebec-a field of wheat near herbertville
becoming known and companies and associations in increasing numbers are being formed every day to excavate the bowels of the earth. Nor is any one ignorant of the almost unlimited capacity of her water-powers or of the boundless forces which they represent, and capitalists are flocking in from all quarters and starting new works and factories in order to utilise these natural powers which are capable of operating every human industry.

The fish of its magnificent rivers and its countless lakes, some of which are veritable inland seas, are, every year, acquiring greater value through the


NEW QUEBEC-DWELLING OF MR. VILLENEUVE, ROBERVAL, COMPETITOR FOR AGRICULTURAL MERIT
more perfect and rapid means of communication and transport. Lastly, the ever increasing visits of foreign tourists and the patriotic work of colonisation have revealed to the entire world the almost unlimited extent of land suitable for cultivation which the Province of Quebec is ready to give to those who are willing to accept it and to take advantage of its wealth of fertility.

## RETROSPECT

For many years the population of the Province of Quebec was composed almost exclusively of farmers who devoted themselves principally to the raising of crops of wheat and other cereals, the magnificent valley of the St. Lawrence with its immense plains furnishing them with facility for the pursuit of that industry. The population, which was small in numbers and which increased so slowly during the seventeenth and the eighteenth centuries, was confined chiefly to the parishes bordering the St. Lawrence, and business communications were limited to exchanges between the neighbouring parishes. But


QUEBEC-bARNS, HORSES AND CATtLE OF Mr. EliE Lapointe, competitor for agricultural merit
economic conditions having become entirely dfferent throughout the world, a prodigious change having taken place in all branches of human endeavour, the Province of Quebec, irresistibly drawn into the movement, speedily effected such changes in its then existing conditions, as to have apparently become a new country.

In agriculture the change was so great that at this very time, the Canadian Northwest having become an immense producer of wheat, the province has had to a great extent to give up that crop, which formerly gave every satisfaction and has been compelled to turn its attention in another direction. It was then that it directed its efforts to the dairy industry.
In this it entered a field entirely its own and of which it may continue to be the unchallenged mistress, as all the conditions of climate and cultivation which it is possible to desire for the assurance of its success are found within her borders.

SOME STATISTICS
The farmers of Quebec are cultivating five million acres of land and some idea of the capital involved
may be gained from the following figures:

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| Buildings | 102,313,893 |
| Rent of land and buildings leased | 1,039,212 |
| Farm implements and machinery | 27,038,205 |
| Horses | 24,164,149 |
| Milch cow | 20,757,611 |
| Other horned | 6,629,784 |
| Sheep | 2,376,471 |
| Swine | 3.142,925 |
| Poultry | 1,166,314 |
| Bees. | 251,203 |
| Thoroughbred stock | 1,133,61 |

The progress made in the last ten years has, as intimated, been enormous, but is most remarkable in the value of the dairy products. This has now reached twenty million dollars annually. Of this, the factories pro-


QUEBEC-DWELLING OF MR. ELIE LAPOINTE, LA MALBAIE, COMPETITOR FOR AGRICULTURAL MERIT


FRENCH-CANADIAN FAMILIES - MR. OLIVIER CLOUTIER, HIS WIFE AND THIRTEEN OF THEIR EIGHTEEN CHILDREN (FIVE ARE ABSENT), NORMANDIN
duce about thirteen million dollars' worth, and the rest is marketed direct from the farm. Of this thirteen million dollars received by the cheese and butter factories, over eleven million dollars is paid over to the farmer. The number of factories increased from 728 in 189 1 to 1,992 in 1901 , producing eight million dollars' worth of cheese and five million dollars' worth of butter. The progress during the last three years has been just as satisfactory as during the previous ten.

The dairying progress may also be indicated in another way. The number of milch cows in the province increased by over two hundred thousand during the census period. In 1891 the figures were 549.544 and in 1901 they were 767,825 . During the same period, the number of horses and sheep declined, but horned cattle other than milch cows increased from $4^{19} 9$,768 to 598,044 .

## ORGANIZATION

This progress has been accomplished in a considerable measure by generous assistance from the Government of the province, although the general agricultural progress of the Dominion has been a factor in the situation. There is a Department of Agriculture at Quebec with a responsible minister, who is also a member of the Executive Council of the province. There is also a Council of Agriculture composed of twenty-three members.

Then there are seventy-five Agricultural Societies with a membership of 18,295. These are county associations working in harmony with the Department. They hold meetings, discuss, hear lectures, promote the distribution of agricultural literature, make plans for improving the breed of animals and the quality of plants and seed, hold exhibitions and do other work of a similar nature. Each society receives an annual grant in proportion to the number of members.

There are Farmers' Clubs, the operations of which are limited to the parishes in which they are organised.

These are 698 in number, with a total membership of 52,700 . Each receives an annual grant. They have abandoned having exhibitions, but organise instead many competitions in crops, principally with the object of increasing the production of fodder and roots, and the employment of fertilisers.

The educational institutions specially devoted to the education are numerous. There are three Schools of Agriculture, at Oka, Ste.Anne de la Pocatière and Compton. The pupils receive a free education here. There is a Dairy School at St. Hyacinthe receiving Government assistance and another will be opened shortly. There is also a Girls' Training School at Roberval with a model farm attached. A School of Veterinary Art and nine Schools of Arts and Manufactures are also controlled by the Department of Agriculture.

There are other agencies used by the Government, the chief of which is the series of Competitions. The Competition of Agricultural Merit was established in 1890 . Eighty-five per cent. gives "distinguished merit," seventy-five per cent. "great merit" and sixty-five per cent. "merit." The Competitions of Milch Cows are similar, but are conducted under local auspices. There are also Competitions in Products of the Dairy. The reports published on these Competitions are valuable and instructive.

## THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

As stated above, the dairy industry is to-day the leading branch of agriculture in the Province of Quebec, and the better to assure the diffusion of the knowledge of the best methods of conducting it and the general advancement of this industry, the province has been divided into regional districts in which syndicates of proprietors of creameries and cheese factories may be formed. There are now fifty-two syndicates for the manufacture of cheese, and each of the establishments belonging to or forming part of them is visited several times during the summer by inspectors, experts in the man-

ufacture of the products. These organisations are doing most valuable work.

The Government also employs seven general inspectors to visit the cheese


FRENCH-CANADIAN FAMILIES-MR. DESROSIERS, HIS WIFE AND THEIR THIRTEEN CHILDREN, ST. DAMASE, COUNTY L'ISLET
and butter factories which are not connected with the syndicates. Their visits have already produced most excellent results. The local inspector has charge of a group of factories situated in a comparatively limited district which he can easily visit in a month. The result is that the factories in this district are visited regularly, the instruction afforded is the same to all, and a greater uniformity in the quality of the product is assured.

In addition to the premiums granted for the construction of creameries and cheese factories, the Provincial Government assists in the construction of suitable buildings for the ripening of the cheese to the extent of from one to
two hundred dollars, according to the dimensions of the building.

## MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

The roads, formerly left entirely under the care of the municipalities, had fallen into such a lamentable condition that every person complained that the wretched highways in most parts of the country not only injured agricultural industries, but in many cases actually paralysed them.

Realising the importance of putting an end to this disastrous state of affairs, the Minister of Agriculture offered to pay to each municipality the sum of sev-enty-five dollars towards the purchase of a machine for repairing the roads.


QUEBEC-A LANDSCAPE ON THE SHORES OF THE CHAMOUCHOUAN RIVER, ST. FELICIEN, LAKE ST. JOHN

This far-sighted proposal bore immediate fruit, and a fair number of municipalities took advantage of the offer of the Minister.

Further, the County Councils have been asked to purchase stone-breaking machines for metalling the roads, and the Government comes to their assistance by paying half the price up to a sum of $\$ 1,200.00$. In numbers of localities there is noticed the desire to put an end to that spirit of inertness which has always prevailed, and at the same time the determination to adopt all modern improvements both in methods and in implements which lead so surely and rapidly to the results desired to be attained.

## CONCLUSION

Enough;evidence has been given** to show the magnificent development which agriculture is attaining in the Province of Quebec. It is a transformation so thorough, so vast, and so rapidly


HON. ADELARD TURGEON
Up to a recent date Minister of Agriculture in the Province of Quebec. He has been in the legislature since 1890, and a minister since 1897. He is a lawyer, but has conducted his department with considerable skill.


HON. S. N. PARENT Premier of the Province of Quebec, Minister of Lands, Mines and Fisheries; also Mayor of the City of Quebec
brought about, that it almost confounds the intellect.

A small people, almost unknown to the rest of the world, who had up to that time led a patriarchal life, attending solely to the cultivation of wheat, and passing a happy existence in their isolation, are suddenly, through an upheaval in general economic conditions, compelled to turn all their attention and efforts to agriculture in a direction absolutely new to them, the creation and carrying on of the dairy industry. Silently, without noise or bustle, and with a quiet courage and reliance upon their own powers and resources, they undertook the task, and after a relatively very short period of time they have become one of the most expert in the new industry and one of the most important purveyors of dairy products for the other continent. And when we consider the immense resources of this


THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS AT QUEBEC
small people by reason of the expansion they are capable of giving to the manufacture of butter and cheese, may we not reasonably ask whether a time shall not come when they will monopolise this industry and reap the advantages it affords?

Finally, looking at things from all points, if we consider that the population of the Province of Quebec exercises the same spirit of industry, the same bold spirit of energy, the same working and business intelligence in
all their undertakings and in all the various sources of activity existing in the favoured land which they occupy, and if we further take into consideration the moral qualities for which they are distinguished, their powers of expansion, their deep-seated attachment to their native land, and the abiding conviction that they have a providential mission to carry out on the soil of America, we are justified in coming to the conclusion that a brilliant future is in store for this favoured people.

## CANADIAN CELEBRITIES

NO. 60 - PROF. JAMES W. ROBERTSON



HEN James Wilson Robertson came, a lad of eighteen, to this country in 1875, he had one or two considerable advantages. One was that he had been born a Scotchman. Another was the sound secondary education which Scotland had given him. A third was a habit of accepting responsibility, and a turn for thinking out the problems of daily life. And another was the driving force which lay within him. By race he is an en-
grafting of the Highlander upon a Lowland land-holding stock of great tenacity. The restless energy of the Celt was based upon the Lowlander's cool power of organisation.

The Robertsons engaged in business -prospered-lost their money. Young Robertson wished to become a physi-cian-that bent of mind has never left him, and early hopes and studies influenced him when he threw himself into advocacy of the Victorian Order of Nurses, and into support of the cam-


PROF. JAMES W. ROBERTSON
paign against tuberculosis. But education meant money. That money must come from the family business. The family business was, in part, the buying of dairy products for export to Britain; a knowledge of the dairy business would help to put it on its feet. Moreover, he would have the winters in which to study. So reasoning, the lad set himself to learn the cheese-maker's trade. It was not highly regarded; there were no dairy schools; he must learn to do by doing; and so he went to work at $\$_{13}$ a month in a factory. Conditions were disagreeable; the work included floor-scrubbing; the occupation was far from that which a youth of Robertson's station would ordinarily choose. But it was the work which suited the situation. For one winter he attended Woodstock College, and it was Professor S. J. McKee, instructor in English, who had the most vital influence over him.

Meanwhile he learned cheese-making, and as a member of the family business he found himself manager of a cheese factory. It became one of the best in the country. Then he managed several factories-his brand was famous. The winter months he gave to reading and the study of literary and scientific subjects. The young man, now 28, still hoped to go to the university. It is one of his innumerable theories that a man should not go to the university until he is in the thirties. But the Ontario Government intervened. It made the successful manager Professor of Dairying in the Ontario Agricultural College.

Here we have the man on the threshold of his public career, about to plunge into a whirl of activities. Inside of three months he would be in London, pulling the Ontario dairies exhibit at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition out of threatened disaster, and exercising
his invincible knack of catching the public eye. Soon he would be scouring the country, restlessly preaching co-operation and organisation in the dairy business. He himself reads formative influences in every event of his past. In childhood responsibility had been laid upon him, and the habit of thoroughness. Both had become passions. In youth he had borne a part in a temperance lodge. From that experience he had carried away a training in getting into touch with other minds, of appreciating an audience, of getting into sympathy with it, of trying to change the opinions of the men who composed it. He had not been arguing abstract propositions; he had not been pleading to a brief; he had been feeling for the minds of his hearers and seeking to turn them into channels through which his own passionate intellect raced. Again, for years he had taught a country Bible-class. He had exerted himself to grasp his pupils' difficulties; he had cast about for means to get their interest. That was his pedagogical training. He had the habit of estimating situations, and of disregarding the customary to take the course which his thinking indicated. Also, he had formed his method of organisation. Get a piece of work well donethen use it as a text to induce others to do the same thing on a larger scale. Do something in a small sphere firstthen organise for its wider application. That is the method of a man who is uncommonly good at organisation and singularly successful in getting things done.

Of course there was class-room work at Guelph. It was done in such a way that from 1888 to 1890 he was, in addition, non-resident lecturer in Dairy Husbandry at Cornell University. But the class-room could not confine his energies. A speaker of infectious enthusiasm, a deviser of innumerable plans, he ranged the province as a lecturer to farmers and dairymen. For a time he would brood over and experiment with new schemes at Guelph, then he would rush forth and
preach them. It was a big work to try to move hard-headed farmers, industrial conservatives for the most part, slow to take fire over new ideas, distrustful of the theorist, but endowed with an intelligence which is strong if obstinate. When the college professor faced an audience he had made sure of his acquaintance with the characters, the circumstances, and some of the difficulties and desires of his hearers. He had made very sure of the facts which he meant to offer them. He watched his audience; he sought for their sympathy; he studied clearness of exposition. Two facts may be noted. He made copious use of parables. He travelled with a pocket Shakespeare, and prepared himself for a meeting, not by looking over notes and authorities, but by an hour or two of reading, sometimes of Shakespeare, sometimes of Tennyson, sometimes of Isaiah, three very great masters of phrase.

Robertson's work falls into periods. By 1890 the organisation work which he had commenced in 1886 was fairly on its way. It is his outstanding peculiarity that he initiates movements and when they are launched searches for something new. He was looking forward to his hoped-for period of professional study, when the Dominion Government appropriated his energies. It made him Dairy Commissioner. Agricultural Agitator would have been an apter title. He flew about the Dominion, everywhere planning and organising, everywhere an originating mind and a driving force, everywhere adapting himself to local conditions. Force and ingenuity were equally marked in his methods. For example, he has uncanny expertness as a pressagent. Here is one crafty scheme which he steadily works upon Ca nadian journals. He is on excellent terms with British newspapers. He gets copious interviews, letters, statements, into them. Then the Canadian press copies what it might have hesitated to take direct. In 1886, when he was in London, he plunged into the Home Rule controversy, then the absorbing topic, writing letters urg-
ing that the salvation of Ireland lay, not in Home Rule, but in cheese and butter-as instanced by Canada. Naturally there followed a few details of Canadian progress in the making of cheese and butter!

Who can tell the tale of the Professor's activities since 1890 ? It is one of his practices to take up at least one new movement every year. Dairy organisation, live stock improvement, seed selection, chicken farming, fruit inspection, cold storage, market find-ing-the list is long. By 1899 he was beginning to think that this period of his life was closing. His agricultural work was so well established that there were many to continue it. Perhaps that season of study was ahead. Of course it was not. The Macdonald manual training fund was awaiting him. The idea behind manual training appealed to his own development through the uses of necessity. He flung himself into the scheme. Sir William C. Macdonald gave the money, Professor Robertson gave the familiar energy and the well-tried organising skill. Like all his plans, he stood by this till it had taken root, and then left it to be carried on by local authorities. Of what use is an institution which requires its founder's incessant supervision? If it is to be useful, it must so appeal to the people that they themselves will keep it running. Such is the Robertson point of view. But from manual training and experimental seed selection grew the movement to reorganise rural schools. And from the consolidated rural schools grew the plans for the great Macdonald institution at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. He is on the threshold of another division of his life. Since Egerton Ryerson no man has done anything vital for primary and secondary education in Canada. Will Robertson?

The man is forty-seven now, and looks forward to twenty years more of activity such as he has known since
1886. Tall and lean-face lean too, cheeks and jaw falling abruptly from an overhanging brow-grizzled moustache,thick and clipped-bright blue eye -on the whole face a somewhat overcast expression of grim, serious earnest -the Scottish burr still thick on the tongue-there you have his outward seeming. Inwardly, there is the strange mixture of burning enthusiasm, rapid, perhaps hasty, thinking, and cool sagacity in practical things. The man is eager, impatient, changeable even, interested in his projects in their earlier stages mainly, ready to catch at new plans, chock full of ideas and schemes. Many see that side most clearly. It may be doubted whether all his theories are founded on certainty. But he does things. When he made cheeses they sold at record prices. The agricultural movement with which he was so prominently associated, has gone far and no longer needs his presence. For a man dealing so much in organisation, he is noticeably independent of machinery. In his dairy work he set a different type of organisation going in every province. Organisation for him has meant scope-the ability to undertake more; economy-the ability to do work at least cost of labour, material and time; and efficiency-the ability to do better work with better results. Until the time for these came he dispensed with machinery. The work always has counted, not the manner of doing it; one of his traits is his intense satisfaction in good work. And another thing must be noted. He is able to work with other men. The efficiency and enthusiasm of his staff is a significant fact.

The tall, lean man with the intent look of serious interest on his face is a Force in Canada. He has done much for our greatest industry. He is about to try to render a similar service to our education. Good luck go with him!

Frederick Hamilton.

"Strangers, and yet not strangers"-p. 442
Drawn by F. H. Brigden


Resume-Harold Manning, an officer in the rooth Regiment, which is ordered to Canada for service in the War of $18 \mathbf{1 2}$, has just been married in London. He secures the consent of the Colonel to take his wife to Halifax, and on the overland trip to Georgian Bay. They sail for Halifax on H.M.S. North King, arriving safely after a six weeks' voyage. Preparations are at once made for the rest of the trip. In the meantime Mrs. Manning becomes acquainted with Mrs. Mason, wife of the commandant of the Citadel, and other persons. The annual military ball is about to take place.

## CHAPTER X.

THE old Citadel was brilliantly illuminated. Lights gleamed in every window. The snow was shovelled clean from the footpaths and guardsmen had made smooth the drives for incoming sleighs. The full moon shone with softened lustre from a cloudless sky, filling the air with voiceless music, and enveloping with chastened beauty the wide stretches of ice and snow which mantled the earth.

Within the Citadel a bevy of pretty girls, aided by the junior officers, had decorated the doors and windows with elaborate care. Festoons of cedar, sprigs of holly and bunches of red berries, softened the light from the candelabra, while innumerable lamps of archaic design added variety and beauty to the scene.

The ballroom was decorated with bunting, and on the walls hung national and colonial flags-those of the rooth being added to do honour to the occasion ; while the vice-regal chair was surrounded with rugs of rich and rare texture. In a tête-à-tête corner to the left of the main entrance, lux-
urious, long-haired, polar bear skins littered the floor, while, on the opposite side, the feet of the guests sank deep in rich furs from the West.
"What a characteristic room!" exclaimed Helen, as she stood for a moment at the wide entrance, leaning on the arm of her husband. "I never saw so many flags and beautiful skins in one room in my life."
"Nor I either. Still the setting is appropriate. The flags are a token of the present war, and the skins a trophy of the huntsman's prowess. Furs are one of the main products of the country, you know."
"I wonder if it can produce as many women," said Helen, glancing over the hall. "There are few but men here yet."
"All the more triumph for the women who are," was his answer.

The Governor and Lady Sherbrooke, together with Mrs. and Colonel Mason and Sir George Head, were receiving when they entered; and officers of the garrison and the North King, as well as civilians with their wives and daughters, were being presented.
"May I have the honour of the opening quadrille with you? ?", said Colonel Mason to Helen a few minutes later.
"I shall be only too happy," was her answer. But a faint flush suffused her cheek, for she would rather have danced the opening number with her husband.
"The guests are still coming, but the quadrille will be soon. Au revoir until then."

Harold and she passed on. More than a dozen ladies had by this time arrived, most of them young and some very pretty, with white shoulders and graceful figures. Not a few had flashing diamonds, brought by their mothers from the Old Land over the sea, and they sparkled like the eyes of their winsome wearers as they mingled with the men.
"How pretty they are!" said Harold sotto voce; " as fresh as if new from England."
" I don't see any of the blue-noses they talk about," Helen returned. " It must be a healthy climate, Harold, if it is cold."

At this moment Judge and the Misses Maxwell were announced. The Judge, a large and portly man, crowned with periwig, had a keen, intelligent face. He was accompanied by his two daughters. One was of the large blonde type, with blue eyes and flaxen hair always smiling in a decided way of her own. The other, Miss Maud, was cast in a different mould. No one would have taken them for sisters. Slight in build and quick in movement, there was a winsome charm about her, that was very engaging. Perhaps the most distinguishing feature in her manner was her strong, unconscious frankness. Her features were regular and her eyes almost black, while her wealth of dark hair and sweet countenance combined to make herirresistibly charming. One would think from the colour of her hair and eyes that she should have been a brunette; but her skin was exquisitely white, and the petal of a delicate rose seemed to have planted its hue upon her cheek.

In attire the two young ladies differed as much as in personal appearance. Miss Maxwell was dressed in white; but Maud had a robe of chameleon hue, that reflected in changeable lustre every flash of light that fell upon it from the chandeliers above. The delicate fullness revealed by the low corsage was partially hidden by a bunch ot violets from her own indoor garden, while a little circlet of pearls and minute diamonds flashed upon her neck.
"What character there is in that face!" said Helen to Mrs. Mason a moment later, as the Colonel joined her for the dance.
"Yes, there is. Would you like to know her?"
"I would indeed!"
"I will introduce her after the quadrille is over."
"Thank you."
Sir John Sherbrooke escorted Mrs. Mason to the upper end of the room. Then came Sir George and Lady Sherbrooke, followed by Captain Osborne and one of the colonial dames, while Colonel Mason and Helen brought up the rear. Together they formed the set for the opening quadrille-and stately and beautiful it was as Helen remembered long afterwards.

All eyes were fixed upon the four couples. With elaborate bows and graceful formality they stepped through the figures of the dance. The measured music from the violins and harps beat a slower time in the days of our forefathers than now; and there was a dignity and solemnity in the first dance of the period-almost equivalent to the sacred decorum of a religious ritethat in this rushing age has been forgotten.
"Mrs. Manning-Miss Maud Maxwell," said Mrs. Mason after the dance was over. "You young ladies have each expressed a desire to know each other."

As they clasped hands and looked into each other's eyes, several seconds passed away-thoughts seemed to be uttered without words.
"Strangers, and yet not strangers,"
said Helen, "I could almost fancy I had known you for years."
" It must be the same feeling," said Maud, still holding the extended hand, " a delicious joy in seeing you, although we never met before."
" It is all owing to the talk you have made among us," said Mrs. Mason, taking each young lady by the arm and leading the way to one of the tête-à-tête corners already referred to. " Maud was always ambitious, headstrong, wayward. Perhaps a little chat between you two will do each good. There, I will leave you, but, with so many gentlemen and so few ladies, I cannot guarantee a minute by yourselves."
"Would you care for a companion in your journey west, Mrs. Manning?" Maud asked in a swift, low voice, as Mrs. Mason, accepting the arm of an officer, left them. She must speak while the chance lasted.
"Perhaps I would,". was Helen's startled answer, " but after all that is said against it, I fear that I could not conscientiously advise."
"It would be simply glorious to go," said Maud, enthusiastically. "Out in the starry night with the trees cracking and the wolves howling, while you are rolled up in your buffalo robes, snug and warm, and safe from all danger."
"You young enthusiast! What a splendid companion you ẃould make!"
"Would I?" and the girl's eyes flashed fire. "Oh, if I only could!"

At this moment Mrs. Mason returned to introduce another gentleman.
"Mrs. Mason," said Helen, as they arose from their seat, "do you know that Miss Maud Maxwell would like to be one of our party?"
"That is not surprising," was the answer. "I've known Maud ever since she was a baby, and she was always a Tomboy."
"Why traduce my fair name?" said Maud with a laugh.
" My dear, is it not true?"
"Please don't be so pathetic. I'd like to go; that is all."
"And you really mean it," Helen
asked, looking gravely into the girl's face.
"Yes, I do. But, I suppose, there will be little chance. Father would oppose it, and, no doubt, Sir George would also. Still I would give anything to go with you. But I am engaged for this waltz-Mrs. Man-ning-Doctor Beaumont."

And she whirled away with him as Harold joined them. Helen followed the doctor for some moments with her eyes. His face had a French cast, although his skin was fairer and his hair lighter than is usually found in that race.
"The doctor is devoted to Maud," said Mrs. Mason, "although I do not think she cares for him."
"Is he the surgeon who is to go with the regiment?" Harold asked.
" I think not. Dr. Fairchild is the man spoken of. I suppose I should not mention it, but as you are one of the officers, it would do no harm to tell you. I believe that Dr. Beaumont would like to go. It will, however, be decided to-morrow."
"Thank you for telling us," said Helen. "I suppose it is out of the question about Miss Maud going."
"Entirely out of the question," returned the elder lady, emphatically. "If they should happen to appoint Dr. Beaumont she would not dream of going. H-m h-m," she continued, wisely shaking her little grey head, "that throws new light upon it-I do not believe she will really want to go!"
" My dear, if we do not commence we shall lose our waltz," exclaimed Harold, laughing. "It is half through already."
"A thousand pardons, dearie. It is our first since we were married. I wouldn't miss it for the world," and her winsome smile thrilling him again, as it had always done, they glided away over the smooth floor.

The next afternoon Maud visited Helen at the Citadel.
"Our little chat remained unfinished," were almost her first words. "I did not get a chance to speak to you again."
" You were sensibly occupied, and I forgive you," returned Helen. "I know I danced more than I have done for years, and yet only managed to have two waltzes with my husband."
"I like Lieutenant Manning," returned Maud. "I had a polka with him, and his chivalry took me, for he stopped before our dance was over to escort old Mrs. Tindall across the room. Most young men would have let the lady look after herself."
"I knew what I was doing when I married Harold," said Helen with glowing face. "You see, I think so much of my husband that I am willing to travel to the ends of the earth with him."
"I would have to love a man like that or I would never marry," said Maud.
"You'll find him some day, if you have not already. And what about Penetanguishene? Do you still desire to be one of our party?"
"Yes and no," was the girl's reply, her mouth assuming for a moment a set expression. "I'm afraid I said too much last night. Much as I would like to go I find it will be impossible, so there is no use even thinking about it."
"Perhaps later, when our fort is built and the war over, you will come."
"Possibly;" and her eyes melted into a dreamy expression. "Let me thank you for the suggestion. If I can I will."
"It is probably better so," said Helen, puzzled at such a speedy change of attitude.

At this moment Mrs. Mason entered the room.
"I have just received the latest news," she said. "It was announced at the officers' quarters this morning that Dr. Beaumont has received the appointment as surgeon to the rooth. Colonel Mason told me only a few minutes ago."

Helen involuntarily glanced at Maud, but at this moment the frank expression was absent. Did she know already?
"Is not this a surprise?" said Helen. "Of course I knew nothing
about the appointment only that rumour last evening gave the place to Dr. Fairchild."
"So it did," said Mrs. Mason, "but his father is not well, and can ill spare him. Perhaps that is the reason of the change."
"I have just been taking back some of my own foolish talk of last night," said Maud, looking directly at Mrs. Mason. "My sudden fancy of going west with the regiment was inspired by the fortitude of this brave ladyjust an enthusiastic idea that cannot be realised."
"But she has promised to visit me at Lake Huron after the war is over," said Helen.
"The very time you ought to go yourself," was her hostess' comment.

Mrs. Mason was one of those kindhearted ladies who, having no children of their own, consider it their duty to interest themselves in the children of others. She always had two or three of her young lady friends under her wing; and was never contented unless endeavouring to pilot them to their destined haven. She must not only guide them aright, but see also that they did not go wilfully wrong. That Maud Maxwell - in her estimation - the sweetest girl in all Halifax, should be allowed to go on that desperate western journey was not to be thought of for a moment. If she could not prevent the newly-arrived bride from sacrificing herself on the altar of a "crazy idea," she certainly could prevent Maud from following suit. At all events she had decided to try.

What passed in the way of curtain lectures between Colonel Mason and his spouse after the ball was over, there was no one to tell; but the celerity with which the medical appointment was discussed, decided upon and ratified when morning came, was somewhat remarkable. Sir George and Colonel Mason were closeted together for half an hour after breakfast; and then a couple of orderlies were summoned, and messages dispatched to both of the doctors, containing the results of the decision. As a conse-
quence, Dr. Beaumont's mind was filled with conflicting ideas when he received the message. The first impression was surprise, for he believed it had been otherwise arranged. Still, as the decision was final, he must obey. But the thought of Maud disturbed him. To leave her at once might render his unreturned love hopeless. If he could have remained, possibly he might win her yet; but to go away now and stay perhaps for years, with the attentions and hearts of other men continually at her feet, seemed more than he could bear.

Still there was the other side to view. The post of surgeon to the rooth was a distinct promotion; for he and Dr. Fairchild were both army officers; and it flattered the spirit of rivalry which existed between them to be selected over his fellow. The illness of Dr. Fairchild's father was quietly hinted to both gentlemen as the probable cause of the change; but the possibility that Mrs. Mason might have had something to do with the final appointment, was not thought of, much less mentioned.

The die was cast, however, whatever would come of it, and Dr. Beaumont realised that he must prepare at once for the journey. The mixed blood of his parentage had made a strong man of him; for he possessed the passion and vehemence of the Frenchman from his father, tempered by the stolidity and integrity of the Scotch race from his mother.

After reporting himself at headquarters, and rapidly making preparations for the prospective march, it was late in the evening before he could spare time to call at the Judge's. He had sent no message to Maud. Still he hoped and believed that she would be ready to receive him. She must have heard of his appointment. Would she be glad or sorry? How would she welcome him? Was it possible that she would rejoice at being relieved of the attentions of an unwelcome suitor? Or was it imaginable that she would be glad of his promotion, and reward his devotion by encouragement on the very eve of his departure?

At any rate he would see and know the truth; and after walking past the house several times to soothe his nerves and check the rapid beating of his heart, he finally knocked at the door for a final interview with Maud.

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CHAPTER XI.

HENRI BEAUMONT, although a native of Quebec, was a graduate of an English University, and it was in London, after obtaining his degree, that he received his appointment on the medical staff of a British regiment under orders for Canada. For two years now he had been stationed at Halifax and, although during the war with the United States he had seen some active service, his duties had been chiefly confined to professional work among the troops stationed at the Citadel.

It was there that Maud met him. Perhaps if she had been less indifferent, the conquest would not have been so easily accomplished. But the impression was made at the beginning, and notwithstanding her apparent coolness, time only seemed to strengthen his desire to win her.

His heart was in a tumult as he entered the house that night-hope and expectation did not balance each other -and minutes elapsed after meeting Maud before the loud throbs beneath his jerkin ceased.
"I am sure you heard the news?" he said retaining the hand, which she attempted to withdraw. "I am ordered to be ready to march with Sir George's men in two days."
"Yes," she replied, finally, retracting her hand, " and I congratulate you. Your friends, while sorry to lose you, will be glad of your promotion."
"That is very kind; but I would give the world to know that some one really cared."

He was growing serious already. So she threw back her head and with a gentle laugh exclaimed:
"Oh, my dear Doctor, you don't know how much we shall miss you!"
"Mon Dieu, Miss Maud! That is
very well. But you know what I mean. When I go away I can't return for a year at least. It is the time, the absence that I think of. Won't you give me a chance at all? You know how I love you."
"You have your chance now, Doctor -founding a fort-establishing a settlement-perhaps building a city. That should be enough for any man to face."
"But it is not enough, mon ami." The Doctor's face flushed and his eyes glittered as he drew his chair nearer. "I want my love returned. I have kept myself straight and pure for love of you. Mademoiselle! Do you care for me at all? Will you not give me one promise before you go?"

He was pleading very earnestly, a gleam of intense love illuminating his face. Maud's manner softened a little, although she felt no responsive thrill. She was not sure of her own heart, and was too wise to bind herself when she experienced no warmer feeling than that of friendship.
"You ask me more than I can give," she said. "If I do not love you, how can I promise?"
"Have I a rival then?" he asked with passionate earnestness.
"How dare you ask such a question!" she answered with flushed face. "I am in love with no one."
"Then why not grant my desire? In my heart no one can take your place. For long months I shall see only one other lady, and she the wife of a brother officer. But $I$ will found a settlement and build a city, too, if you will only promise to be my-my sweetheartwhen I come back again."
"Oh! you silly man! I promise nothing. Why not simply wait and see? When away on your long march (she did not tell him how gladly she would have undertaken it herself if he had not been going) your mind and time will be occupied with other things. You will never think of me."
"Never think of you!" he exclaimed passionately. "Perhaps it would be better for me if I never did. But I shall think of you every day when on
the march and every night when in the woods we pitch our camp. When the smoke arises from the pipes of the men around our fires, my thoughts will be of you; and when rolled in blanket and buffalo robes, during the long winter night, I may see the stars through the tall trees, and hear the owls hooting in the forest; but beyond the stars I shall see your face, and in my dreams I shall hear your voice. No, Maud Manning, I may go away, but you cannot get away from me. You fill my soul, my heart, my whole being. You are my star, my light, my love,-and it will be the same in Penetang, no matter where you are."

Spite of herself his words thrilled her, and unconsciously she rose to her feet. She could not sit still any longer. What manner of man was this French-Scotchman? This passionate pleader, this determined lover ? This soldierly fellow, who, while he worshipped her, accepted the order to march to the end of the earth, for time indefinite, without a single murmur of regret? She had never until now been seriously impressed with his personality. She had seen the impulsive, demonstrative side of his nature, but its integrity and strength, its staunch chivalry and unselfish devotion, were something quite new to her-and it was with a feeling not unlike reverence that she heard his last words. A species of humility almost akin to love was gradually stealing over her.
"I am sorry," she said at last, but her voice this time was low and sweet. "I should have told you sooner."
"Told me what?" he exclaimed eagerly. "That you never could love me?"
"No, not that." His intensity was so great, so real, that she dreaded the future that seemed imminent in his face. She must give him hope, however slight, until time could soothe the vivid chords of his being; and until she could read aright the inmost thoughts of her own heart.

[^7]else ? We have always been friends," she said.
"Promise me to remain free for a year? I will do my best and come back then," he said.
"Yes, Monsieur le Docteur, for one more year I will not love anyone, for one more year I will be free." And the tone filled his soul with music. The cloud was raised-the veil was lifted.
"And I will write," he said. "Will you answer?"
"Yes," was her quiet response.
"Yet, oh, Mon Dieu! Think of the weary months of waiting," was his comment, but his face had lost its sadness.

They stood together under the chandelier. He, excited, determined, passionate, with love in every look and gesture; but controlling himself by a strong effort-She, introspective, observant, wary; and yet with a warmer kindliness toward her companion than she had ever felt before.
"I must go," he said at last. "Just a kiss to seal our friendship." And he threw his arm out to clasp her to him. But with one step backward she raised the hand that was held in his, and the kiss fell upon it-instead.
"Good-bye and God be with you," she said.
"And may He keep you until I return," was his prayer, " but shall I not see you again? There may be time enough to-morrow ?"
"It would be better not."
She stood at the door and watched him descend the steps. Then he turned, and with a last look and a sweep of his chapeau he disappeared into the darkness.

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## CHAPTER XII

ON the day of the march the temperature was almost down to zero, and the sky a clear, pale blue. The order had been issued for the little column to be ready at nine o'clock sharp; and, cold as it was, the whole town was astir. Union Jacks were flying in honour of the occasion; and many peo-
ple were out on the street to witness the departure. The few days that had elapsed since the arrival of the North King had not passed idly away. A score of teams had been purchased. Long sleighs, bob-sleighs, carryalls, had all been secured, and many of them loaded with goods that Captain Payne had brought over the sea for the building and provisioning of the prospective fort. Then there were fur robes and blankets; kettles, pots and tins for the journey; stoves of all sorts and provisions for the men; fodder and blankets for the horses; as well as the reserve supply of ammunition, all packed in capacious sleighs, with drivers ready and horses snorting impatiently for the order to start.

Punctual to the minute, the companies lined up in the square by the Citadel.

Sleighs for Sir George and the officers, one for Helen and Harold and another for thesoldiers' wives, were there in regular order. Then came the heavy sledges of the commissary department, and last of all the "bobs," containing the building supplies and ordinance outfit for the new fort at Penetang.

As the bell of the little old church on the hill struck nine a salute of two guns from the Citadel was fired in honour of the event. Adieus had all been said; hand-shaking was over; and as the shrill tones of the bugles sounded the order to march was given. Then the crowd cheered and the sleighs started upon their long journey; while the soldiers in heavy overcoats, marching in file, and brought up the rear.

For the commencement of such a journey the day was excellent. The roads were good, the snow well packed; and soon the procession of ponies and sledges commenced to swing along at a rapid rate.
"Put my coat collar higher, please," said Helen to her husband as they neared the outskirts of the town. Quick driving had made her feel the cold air more keenly.
"Will that do ?" he asked.
"Yes," she replied. "It keeps the wind out. These hot bricks for the
feet are delightful. What a glorious day for a ride! But look at that big snow bank right in front of us! Bateese! don't upset us, please!"
"Bateese navare upset. Et is only de dreef," returned the Frenchman, and with a crack of his whip he circled around the sloping end of the bank as the other drivers had done before him.

It was not so nearly an upset as Helen imagined; but she breathed more freely when the huge pile of snow was behind them.
"Do we meet many drifts like that?" she asked a little timidly, for it was her first experience.
"Oh! dat is noting," replied Bateese, tossing his head, "but dere is a great big wan, high as yer head, right on de slope by de beeg hill, jess befor' you cam' to de lumber camp-Gar-he be a fine wan."

And the Frenchman cackled and cracked his whip again.
"Still we can pass it all right?" said Harold.
"Nevare can tell," returned Bateese, shrugging his shoulders. "It ees on de end of a heel, where two winds meet-an 'eet may be flat as de diable in de mornin'-an' so big at right dat you couldn't see ovare de top if you was ten feet high."
"How then do you manage?" inquired Helen, who, seeing a twinkle in the eye of Bateese, was regaining courage.
"Oh some tam you go 'roun', some tam over top after deegin' de snow awa -and some tam," he continued very impressively, "you make a tunnelcamp all night in de meedle-and deeg out on t'oder side next day."
"And what do you do with your horses while camping?" Harold asked, in an amused tone.
"Oh! dat's easy," replied Bateese with perfect gravity. "We jess deeg places for dem beside de camp-don't have go out in de cole to feed em.
Dey eat snow for vater, and de leetle fire keep us all warm."
"That's a pretty good one, Bateese."
"Oh no, jess a leetle wan; tell you some more bime-by."

And the Frenchman's infectious laughter was joined in by both Helen and Harold as they scudded to the jingle of the sleigh bells merrily along the road.

In a couple of hours, the riders had left the heavy sledges and the soldiers far behind. They had passed the principal clearings. Open fields became less frequent, and the stretches of forest more continuous. Sir George had inquired minutely into the nature and difficulties of the road; and although he believed that the march for days would be outside of the war arena, he had sent forward a strong scouting party to reconnoitre.
The direction they were taking for the first part of the journey was almost due north, following the sleigh track, which finally joined the Truro-road along the banks of the Shubenacadie.

The troops and heavy sledges would come up later, but the order was to make the first halt at a lumber camp on their line of march, at which arrangements were already being made by the scouting party for their reception. By noon the Colonel's sleigh headed the file at the top of a long hill. Dr. Beaumont was with him.
"There it is!" he cried. "Yonder are the scouts."
"You know the place then?" said Sir George.
"Yes, I've often been here. Mr. Mackenzie has one of the finest lumber camps in Nova Scotia. See, he is out now talking to Sergeant Banks."
"A thrifty Scotchman, eh? I hope Banks has managed it. I would like the whole troop to dine at the camp without touching our rations. You can settle with Mr. Mackenzie afterwards," he concluded, turning to Captain Payne.
"It will be a great relief," returned the latter, "and give us a longer march this afternoon. Nothing like making a good start on the first day."
The Sergeant saluted as they drove up.
"Mr. Mackenzie, this is our Colonel," he said, touching his cap.
And a tall, massively built Scotch-
man, with shaggy hair and rugged features, grasped Sir George's hand warmly.
"Your men have been telling me about you, sir," he exclaimed. "I am glad to see you. You must a' be hungry after your cold ride. The cook's doin' his best to gie ye all a bite. Come right in. Your men can feed their horses at the stable. Guid sakes, you've got a leddy with ye! and some women folk too!" and he finished by doffing his hat gallantly to Helen.
"Yes, we are hungry and glad to call a halt, Mr. Mackenzie, and I know Mrs. Manning will be tired enough to rest."

Here Harold introduced his wife and the group went inside. The huge shanty was built entirely of logs, the inside walls hewed flat, the chinks filled with wood and then covered level with plaster. One side of the long wall was not more than six feet in altitude, but the opposite one was twice as high to allow for the sloping slab roof. Scattered along the two sides were a series of little windows, while in the far end a pile of dry logs was burning brightly in a huge fireplace. Dining tables of pine boards, supported on crossed sticks, stretched the length of the room and were already laden with platters and cups in preparation for the meal. The cross-head table was built in a similar manner, but instead of benches on either side, there was an array of chairs; and perhaps in honour of the occasion, clean white sheets were spread upon it for the coming meal.

The rough, homely comfort about the place seemed attractive after the cold drive, and elicited warm compliments from the Colonel.
"Oh, it will do for the woods," returned Mackenzie, good-humouredly. "We keep our men warm and comfortable and feed 'em well. The consequence is that they like the job; and every man of 'em is glad to come back to the camp when the season opens again."
"But does not the war interfere
with your work and make your men enlist?" the Colonel asked.
"Yes, sometimes, but it is a good thing to have a reputation. If peace was declared to-morrow, I could get twice the men I need. As it is, half the young men in the colony have listed. And yet I have all I want. But dinner is almost ready, so, Sir George, you and your men might put your things in my office here-and Mrs. Manning," he exclaimed with another bow, "I haven't got a leddy's boudoir, but if you're not afraid of an old bachelor's quarters, you might fix and rest yourself in my own den."
"I shall be only too glad," returned Helen. "This big shanty is so comfortable I am sure I should be too warm if I kept my furs on."
" Well, just make yourself at home. You are welcome to any little thing I can do for ye. But, ma sakes, what became o' the other weemen?"
" Oh, they went off to the men's kitchen with their husbands," returned Sir George. "You know Corporal Bond and Private Hardman were of the reconnoitring party."

After closing the heavy doors of Mackenzie's den Helen laid her wraps upon his bed. Looking about her she soon discovered a mirror, and without delay arranged her hair. Then she washed in the pewter bowl and sat down in his arm-chair, the only seat in her room. Soliloquising, she began. to realise what was before her. Through the little window she saw that the shanty was close to the woods, an impenetrable forest closing in on every side. Only half a day out from Halifax and, notwithstanding the presence of her husband, in a certain sense, alone. And if alone, when blessed with the rude comforts of the log camp and the generous cordiality of the owner, what must it be when out in the forest night after night through all the long months of the winter? Therecould be no shadow of turning nowno possibility of retreat. Still she did not lament. It was only that life seemed more tense-more bindinginfinitely more positive and real!

A few minutes later Harold came for her, and they joined Mr. Mackenzie, Sir George and the officers at the head table in the big hall of the shanty. Their host placed Helen to his right hand and Sir George to his left; then the big gong sounded, and the shantymen in smock-frock and blue jean overalls filed in and took their places.
"That's a motley crowd, Sir George," said Mr. Mackenzie. They could easily be observed by the Colonel, for his seat commanded a view of the whole roort.
"I see you have many nationalities here-German, English, Scotch, Irish, French," said Sir George.
"But Johnny Canucks are on top every time," was the answer. "They stand the work well and make fine lumbermen. They have their peculiarities though. See how they spread their molasses on their pork instead of their bread."
"Like the Dutchman sleeping on straw with his feather bed on top of him."
"Or the Irishman with his potatoes and point."
"Yes, but the French and the Dutch make the most of it, while Pat contents himself with a joke."
"And on it he fattens,", returned Mackenzie with a laugh. "But I tell you my men are well fed; the grub's rough but wholesome and we often eat a calf or a deer at a meal besides a pile of other stuff. Our table doesn't differ much from theirs either," he continued, "but to-day in honour of our guests, particularly Mrs. Manning and yoursel', Sir George, Itold the cook to make it extra fine. By George, he's sending us griddled tenderloin, roast turkey and stuffed partridges as well."

Then they had baked potatoes, cranberry sauce, saluratus cakes and tea.
"We've only got brown sugar, Mrs. Manning, I'm sorry to say," he continued, turning to Helen, "and unfortunately our coos are all dry."
"It's genuine feast," returned Helen, " and I'm thirsty enough to drink anything." With an effort she controlled
the muscles of her face as she drank the beverage. Lumber-camp tea in those days was a nauseous drink to any one but the woodsmen themselves.

By-and-bye the meal was over, and Helen made a hasty run to the kitchen department to see what the women were doing. The lumbermen too filed out of the room to make way for the soldiers who at that moment were marching down the hill. They were hungry after their long tramp and did not require a second bidding when word came that the tables were ready.

In offering to settle for the meal so freely granted, the response was a surprise to Sir George.
"Take pay for a feed?" cried the Scotchman with a laugh. "Not much; I reckon we can stand it without smashing the camp. Thank ye kindly though."
"This is too generous altogether," was the protest.
"Not at all," replied Mackenzie. "Scotch bodies are canny, but when they say a thing they mean it."
"Well! We'll not forget you," said Sir George, as he grasped the generous donor by the hand. "Perhaps some day our turn will come."

Soon the teams were ready again, and several of the marching officers took the places of those who had ridden. The result was that Chaplain Evans was assigned to a seat in Helen's sleigh while Harold walked with his men.
"It can't be helped," said the Lieutenant as he gave his wife a momentary caress. "I will have to ride and march turn about until Quebec is reached. But you are in good company and there is no danger."
"Well," replied Helen, forcing a laugh, "absence will make your presence all the dearer, so good-bye, sweetheart."
"Until to-night," was his answer; and, throwing her another kiss, he placed himself at the head of his men.
"How much farther do we go today?" Helen asked of Sir George who came to speak to her for a moment before getting into his sleigh.


#### Abstract

"About fifteen miles I think? We want to camp at Shubenacadie tonight. There will be accommodation in a settler's house for you and the women, but for the rest of us, the men will have to put up shanties and the sooner we get away the better. The scouting party went ahead two hours ago on snowshoes, so they will have them started when we arrive." "But what after to-night?" said Helen. "I'm afraid we'll have to camp, women as well as men," said the Colonel with a shrug; and stepping into his sleigh, the cavalcade started.


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## CHAPTER XIII

FOR more than an hour that afternoon the drive was rapid, the country less undulating and the road smoother. Still the way was always through the woods. Tall pines everywhere stretched skyward, while on the lowlands, ashes and elms spread out their grey branches, in vivid contrast to the evergreen above. Scrub oaks on the hillocks still carried the dead red leaves of the past year; while here and there a beech or a maple added its varied beauty to the winter landscape.

Although the road lay for miles along the banks of the Shubenacadie its waters could only occasionally be seen. Now and then a wider vista opened, and a bit of the dashing river, rendered free here and there by a more rapid current, added picturesqueness to the view. At other places the bed of the stream was covered with ice, save for an occasional rollway, where the lumberer had piled his saw logs thickly upon its broken surface.

The drivers had covered more than half the distance to the proposed camp, when they reached the top of a long ridge stretching out on either side. At the foot of the incline, a stranger sight than they had yet seen attracted their attention. It was a circle of Indian wigwams, in the lowest part of the valley, no doubt placed there to protect them from the winds that prevailed in the uplands. One of the
lodges was taller and broader than the rest, but in other respects they were alike and of the usual cone form.

In the centre of the circle was a huge $\log$ fire, around which was gathered a promiscuous lot of Indians, squaws and papooses, watching the approaching sleighs.
"Are these Indians always friendly?" the Chaplain asked of Bateese, as they gradually neared the little Indian village.
"Oui, Monsieur, yees," was the answer. "Dey be Micmacs, and Micmacs goot Indians. Not like de Hurons, who scalp all de tam. But let white men cheat a Micmac, or run away wid heem squaw, den, by Gar, he have revanche. He follow dat man till he kill him wid his hatchet, den put him in de ground; and no wan ever heard of him no more."
"Whew!" exclaimed Helen with a little shiver. "They must be very good Indians indeed if they kill a man for cheating."
"Ah, Madame! So dey be; just treat Micmacs square and dey treat you square, too!"
"How do they build their wigwams?" the Chaplain asked. "They are very substantial looking."
"Vell, I tell you. I been in dem many's de time. Dey juss as warm as Madame's boudoir wid leetle stove in it. Dey make 'em of cedar poles, tight in groun' and fastened together tight at top. Den dey bind dem roun' all ovare wid strong green bark put on like shingles, and so close dat water can't get in. Dey make 'em in summare so it dry by wintare. Nex' dey put in straight spruce branches all over de outside and spruce green branches all over de inside-till it is like deh man from de contree-green all de way tru."
"Bateese, I didn't know you were so witty," exclaimed the Chaplain.
" Vel, by Gar, ef a man drive all de tam day after day all wintare long, most tam wid no wan to spoke to; an' 'is femme or ees fille a tousand miles away, ef ees no jess t'ink of someting funny he die."

By this time the chief with a number of his tribe were out on the road, and on the approach of Sir George's sleigh he threw up his right arm and shouted:
"Kwa."
"Yer honour, the spalpeen means how do yez do?" said Pat in a low voice. Sir George's driver was a Hibernian.
"I'm very well, thank you," replied the Colonel, extending his hand. But the Indian ignored the proffered cordiality.
"Be jabers, he can talk English, too, for I've heerd him," muttered Pat in a still lower key.
"Kwa wenin," next said the Indian, looking straight into the eyes of Sir George.

Pat this time remembered more fully, so he turned and spoke aloud, "He means, who are you? Tell him your name, Sir George, and he'll answer yez in English."
"Sir George Head, Colonel of the soldiers of the Great Father."
" It is well. White Bear-Chief of Micmacum tribum. Always everything two ways me speakum," replied the Indian in a dignified manner; while this time he accepted the hand of the Colonel, retaining it firmly in his own for some moments. The Micmacs, in their association with the whites, had made a strange jumble of the language. Still, White Bear's English being intelligible, a few minutes' conversation followed.

The Chief told him that he had seen the scouts already-and after telling him that Sir George and his soldiers were coming, they had gone ahead to prepare for the night's camp.

Evidently from the way the Chief and his braves strutted around, they had put on their best costumes in order to meet the representative of the Great Father.

The Chief was armed with a tomahawk, and dressed in full Indian costume, with leggings, moccasins, hunting shirt and wampum belt; but his head-dress, though of mink, was made
in civilised style. The men, who stood a few feet in his rear, were dressed in more nondescript fashion. Two or three had muskets and more than one hatchet and long knife could be seen beneath the blankets they wore. Further back, but outside the wigwams, the squaws were huddled together, and beyond them the children.
"Great Father send braves, Yankees you fightum?" said the Indian, feeling quite proud of his English.
"Not this time," said Sir George. "The Great Father sends his men to trade with the Indians up the Ottawa and on the great lakes toward the setting sun."
"Takum squaws too?" was the next question, with a side glance at Helen and the women in the next sleigh.
"Not many squaws," replied Sir George gravely. "Just enough to make the men behave themselves. More will come by-and-bye."
"When White Bear make bargain squaw nevil speakum," said the Indian, sententiously.
"Do you hear that, Mrs. Manning?" cried the Colonel to Helen, who was near enough to hear the words of the conversation. "But we must drive on. I am glad to have met you, Chief !"

Again they shook hands; White Bear once more raised his right hand above his head as before, and, simultaneously, the band of Indians joined in the parting salutation of "Kwa."

The tone was so fierce and loud that all the women started. It sounded more like a war-whoop than an expression of good-will; and they were glad indeed to commence their journey again. But the Indians remained where they were until the last of the sleighs had passed. Then Sir George raised his busby in salute and, in answer to his courtesy, White Bear pulled off his mink skin and. once more yelled "Kwa." Whereupon the sleighs quickened their speed to make up for lost time, while the Indians returned to their lodges.

# "TRAILING CLOUDS OF GLORY" 

BEING THE RECORD OF A CHILD'S AFTERNOON

By Mary stewart durie

> "Trailing clouds of glory do we come From God who is our home."

-Wordsworth.


NE angel who trailed them sat in the middle of the croquet lawn, which was starred with yellow dandelions and mottled with the leafy shadows cast by a wide-branched, old linden tree, which grew at the south end of the lawn.

When the Angel looked up at the sound of a squirrel's chattering overhead, she could see nothing but dark, gnarled branches, and broad, round linden leaves green against the sunny blue of the sky. It was a pretty, pretty world and made, she felt halfconsciously, for her particular benefit. She was only six years of age, so it is not surprising that her wings still remained invisible. Indeed, there were times within the memory of man when her nurse, Miss Betsy McGrath, late of Ireland, would have considered horns and a tail more fitting adjuncts to her small person than the angelic feathers; but these occasions were rare and happily brief.

In fact, the Angel was almost as clever at the dual personality business as the famous Dr. Jekyll himself. Cleverer, perhaps, when one comes to think of it, for there were three of her, to wit-the Angel, Her Satanic Majesty, and Mrs. Jerusalem.

Mrs. Jerusalem was the mother of a large and healthy family of dolls, and it was she (begging the Angel's pardon) who sat under the linden tree that fair summer afternoon. Her family were seated at a small, redpainted kindergarten table close by her side. They appeared to be partaking of a slight déjêuner while their parent watched anxiously for lapses in table etiquette. At the farther end of the table sat the eldest son of the fam-
ily, Jack, a rakish-looking youth whose costume and general appearance led one to believe that he had followed the sea in his early days. Evidently a sad dog, he slouched forward carelessly at the table and gazed with an impudently, supercilious expression at his sister Rosaline, whose white woolly locks suggested an Albino ancestry. Suddenly a dizziness seemed to seize the reprobate. He leaned over unsteadily to one side, and toppled completely, his china nose crashing ignominiously into his plate of jam.
"Jacky Jerusalem!" exclaimed his parent in horror-stricken tones, "is that the way a gemplman behaves at luncheon? Not when $I$ was a little girl! Your manners is servantly!"

Mrs. Jerusalem rose hastily, her short white frock sticking out stiff and crumpled above a pair of fat, bare legs. She picked up her son who lay stunned, his head in his plate, and proceeded to administer justice in summary fashion. Her exertions made her quite red in the face, for not only was it incumbent on her to chastise the son of her bosom, but also to produce the wails suitable to the occasion.
"Naughty-naughty-naughty boys what falls into the jam don't never go to heaven!" she interjected, punctuating her words with chastening hand. The sawdust poured from a gaping wound in Jacky's arm, but he appeared indifferent. It was a tame ending to the scene.
A butterfly, all gold and brown, floated airily past her head. In a moment the rôle of Mrs. Jerusalem was cast to the winds, Jacky was flung prone to the earth, and the Angel was flying in hot pursuit of the delicate, lazily-moving creature. Up a long, sunny gravel path she chased it, her golden hair making a halo for her bare head, her wide, shade hat hanging
at her back by its elastic: down the shady lane that ran close to the back garden fence, where the rhubarb grew rank, and where crabapple trees spread their low, knotty branches wide, and reached across the picket fence and into the enchanted country of " next door."

The butterfly lighted at last on a fragrant spray of wild currant low enough for the Angel to reach. She whipped off her hat and pounced with the trapping instinct which still lingers unabated in the human breast, but the flying thing eluded her and sailed away light-winged, leaving an eager, little, white-clad figure standing on tiptoe and gazing earnestly at that point in the fence over which her prey had disappeared.

Where had he gone? Where did he live? Did he like being a butterfly?

The Angel picked a rhubarb leaf and fanned her small, flushed face with it, while she considered these unanswerable questions. She sauntered back to the lawn swinging her hat by its elastic. On the way, she brushed against a clump of spearmint that grew at the angle of two paths, and its spicy fragrance made her remember something-she could not quite remember what-something about chasing butterflies there before when she was quite a tiny child, oh, years ago!

It was warm. She flung herself down on the smooth grass of the lawn at the edge of the linden tree's shadow, and lay blinking up at the sky with heavenly eyes. A delicate little cloud or two drifted peacefully in the blueness. Where did the little clouds come from? she wondered. Were they baby angels flying about and playing up there? Perhaps some day she would be a dear little white cloud -a truly little angel-if she were good, oh, very, very good, like the little girl that-
"Gabrielle! Gay! Where are you?" Jimmy McShane, the gardener's son, dropped agilely over the fence which divided the vegetable field from the garden, and came running towards the Angel. He was eight years old, and
wore a blue-checked gingham shirt, a trifle patched, and blue dennim knickerbockers suspended by real braces. His hair was sandy, his nose of the rétroussé variety, an altogether charming combination, to Gabrielle's mind. She admired him fervently, and Jimmy adored her. Their reasons for this mutual admiration differed widelynaturally.

The Angel admired Jimmy because of his age, which exceeded her own by two years; because he could climb trees and turn somersaults, and because he had freckles, which she considered a desirable form of facial adornment; whereas Jimmy adored the Angel because he was rarely allowed to play with her, because she considered his tree-climbing and somersaults as feats, and because in his small, reverent, Irish heart there was an inborn admiration and respect for "the Quality," to which august body, he had been assured many times by his father, " Miss Gabrielle" belonged.
"Gay," he called; "Miss Gay, where are ye, sure?"
"Here, Jimmy, Here!"
An alert and inquiring Angel, ready for any contingency, ran to him swinging her long-suffering hat.
"Pa's afther tellin', 'bout the circus, Miss Gay, an' I'm goin' till it this mortal minute. Come an wid me, if ye like!"

Gay regarded him doubtfully, not sure of her subject.
"Where there's p'cessions?"
"No, no, sure the percessions is all over, but it's the circus, wid the sarpints an'-"
"And girrafts and campbells, Jimmy?"
"Yes, sure, an' bears and lines an' ladies that ate snakes, and everythin' else. Come an, Miss Gay!"
" Little girls can't go by theirselves to circuses, an' Mummy's away, an' Betsey won't let's."
"Aw, Miss Gay, you ast Betsey nice, ast her rale swate like, an' she'll let ye."
"You ask Betsey, Jimmy!"
"No, you ast her yerself, Miss Gay. Quick, there's a good girl!"
"No, you. Aw, Jimmy!"
She looked at him with appealing eyes, and he relented.
"Well, well-we'll count, and whoiver it comes to 's got to ast her."

The Angel awaited the decision of the oracle with solemnity:
"Inty, minty, fig o' tay,
It dil dominay;
Orky porky stole a rock,
Inty, minty, dickety dock.
O-u-t spells out."
"There, Miss Gabrielle, it's you has to ask Betsey, darlint."

The Angel's lip quivered ominously. "Betsey won't let me go. She's cross."
"Aw, well, niver mind, sure. Lave her alone thin an' we'll go ourselves."

This was a new and delightful alternative. Gay looked bewitched with joy. She laughed breathlessly.
"Let's!" she exclaimed, with a smothered little shriek of delight; and, catching hands, the pair ran down the shady avenue, and out at the old white gate, to the hot, dusty road, while their two hearts beat high with expectation and the perils of the enterprise.

The road was very long, very dusty, very warm.
"Will we soon be there, Jimmy?" Gay had enquired several times, repressing a tired little shake in her voice, but at last the happy hunting grounds had been reached. Crowds of people were streaming across a large field, where the great white circus tents lay in the blazing sun. Gay grasped Jimmy's hand nervously as they walked in the midst of the throng. As they neared the entrance to the largest tent a man with greasy black hair and a rasping, twanging voice, was calling out blatantly:
"Come, ladies and gentlemen, here's where you secure your programmes for the greatest show on earth. Buy a programme, ladies, that you may know what is going on and what is taking place!"

Something about the sound of the man's voice frightened the Angel indescribably. It was all so strange, so
foreign to her, this crowd, the queer people, the nasty voices. She clung to her protector's hand, wordlessly.
"Tickets please!" another strident voice was calling, just at the door of the tent.
"Tickets! Have your tickets ready, ladies and gentlemen!"

Tickets! Jimmy gasped. He had forgotten that one had to pay. He caught Gay's sleeve and pulled her forcibly out of the crowd into an open space. He explained the situation sorrowfully, feeling himself a miserable failure, almost forgetting his own keen disappointment in trying to soothe hers.
"O Jimmy," she cried in a disappointed, bitter little wail, "I am so tired an' I didn't know I was till you told me about the tickets. An' my slipper hurts, but it hurts worse about the girafts and bears."

Jimmy choked back an inconvenient lump in his throat.
"Sure if yer little slipper's hurtin' yez, we c'n take it aff of ye. There sit down on the grass, Miss Gabrielle darlint, an' I'll take it aff for ye! Bare foot's the best, anny way. There!"

He removed with painstaking care a little dusty slipper, and Gay limped along wearily, one white stocking in the dust.

He had found a sheltered spot near a spare, cone-shaped cedar tree that grew opposite the lemonade booth, and leading the limping little Angel to it, seated her on the grass there. She was tired and very thirsty, but would not descend to the babyishness of tears. She knew now how thirsty poor Elijah must have felt, that time in the desert. Betsey had told her about him. Poor Elijah!

She wondered if, by any chance, he had had to sit opposite a lemonade booth when he was so thirsty, watching people drinking beautiful pink lemonade-a much more delicious and more recherché variety than Betsey or even one's mother could make. The Angel's spirits flagged. She had expected fairyland. The glamour which had surrounded circuses had vanished
entirely. It had all been a bitter disappointment.

Jimmy knitted a freckled brow in thought, while he pensively nibbled a stalk of grass. What was to be done next! Gay regarded him in forlorn inquiry.
"Jove!" exclaimed a manly voice behind them. "By jove, if that isn't Margaret Driffield's small sister. What under the sun-!"
"Valancey!" cried a small voice, brimful of joyous welcome, as the Angel cast herself precipitately upon the youth.

Valancey Roswell picked up the small, forlorn person, who clasped his clean linen collar with joyful abandon. Then he looked sternly down, and asked for explanations from the frecklefaced escort.

These must have proved sufficiently satisfactory, for in an incredibly short time Jimmy McShane found himself safely ushered past the greasy gentleman at the entrance who insisted so cruelly upon people's producing tickets, and seated on a delightfully uncertain circus grand stand, by Valancey Roswell's side.

As for Her Satanic Majesty, she sat, wreathed in smiles, on the accommodating Roswell's knee, gazing about her with wicked enjoyment. Such a lark! What would Betsey say, if she could see her now!

The clowns were charming. She could not always quite catch what they said, but it made her laugh anyway. She was distracted to know which ring to watch, for there were three rings. Whether to watch the elephant who was having his tea and not behaving very well,- just like the young Jerusalems, or whether to watch the lady in green who was about to slide from the top of the tent by her teeth, or whether to watch the ponies. Ah yes! she loved the ponies, and the tight rope ladies, but best of all-(oh far best!) did she love the Queen of Sheba.
This lady came in towards the end of the performance. First, King Solomon and his retainers, and his dancing girls, then camels and riders, and
slaves waving feather fans, and then the Queen of Sheba, gorgeously apparelled in green and pink sateen, flashing with tinsel and tin sequins. Gay drew a long breath of supreme satisfaction. A real princess, like those in the fairy tales.

> "Superfine lemonade In the shade. Ten cents!"

The pink lemonade was coming around on a tray, the glasses clinking deliciously.
Jimmy looked appealingly at Gay.
"Pink lemonade and popcorn!" he whispered, but Gay's thoughts refused to come to earth!
She turned with adoring eyes from her heroine to Roswell.
"Valancey, dear, isn't she sweet? Did you ever see such a pretty person before?"

Valancy bit his lip and looked in the distance for inspiration.
"Never!" he said fervently.
But the Angel hardly heard his reply. She was watching the pageant with rapt expression. One idea dominated her, the glory of being the Queen of Sheba in a circus. She had decided upon a career for herself.

Conversation flagged on the way home. Gay was pondering deeply as Roswell carried her in his strong arms. There was Betsey McGrath still to be appeased. As Roswell put the child down at the gate she tucked a warm little hand into his confidingly. She hoped for his protection against Betsey's onslaughts.
"Valancey, dear, you were sweet to take us. Come up and see Margaret," she said.
One strapped slipper was still missing and she was very tired, but-what did it matter? She had been to fairyland and her soul was satisfied.

The Jerusalem family were still seated under the linden tree when the wanderers returned. A wild-eyed Betsey met them half-way down the avenue, and caught the Angel to her ample and starchy bosom.
"Aroon!" she murmured, "is it back ye are to yer] owld Betsey, darlint.

Come wid Betsey an' have yer teas, my blessed lambs!"
"Betsey, dear, I love you very much!" whispered the Angel, her head pillowed against Betsey's apron-bib.

This was her outward speech. The true inwardness of her thoughts at that
moment was otherwise.
"Be good and you will be lonesome," says Mark Twain.
"If you are only naughty enough your nurse (even if it's Betsey) will forget to be cross to you," thought the Angel.

# THE PRISONER OF BAALBEK 

By JAMES W. FALCONER



RANT had suddenly displayed an unexpected zest for bargaining. The cause of his former silence was the Syrian fever, induced partly by an intemperate use of Turkish Delight, his favourite sweetmeat; and until we crossed the Lebanons my companion had denied himself the Eastern relaxation of beating down the Turk. Perhaps the whiffs of winter had revived him, and the unwonted grandeur of the ascent past Brummana into the highlands, where the rivers of Syria had their snowy homes, and where cedars grew.

The railway journey from Beirut was the slowest on record, 16 miles in four hours; but no lover of the beautiful could complain that it was too slow. The mosques and the American college, the trees and white houses, the ill-fated quarantine ground, all stood out in the earlier ascent. On the more elevated hillside a mingling of greens added to the scenery. The darker hue of the flat-roofed mulberry, whose leaf, changed into silk, would ere long adorn some Parisian beauty, vied with the light green of the grapevine whose juices would fire the wit of that Parisian's courtier; and these greens with the red tiles of the houses gave colour to the landscape.

As we passed out of the realm of human labours into the abode of Nature's bolder work, a whirlpool of mountain-peaks seemed to be encircling us. Deep scars were visible on
the lofty rock walls. Sudden droppings of precipices, and the empty spaces of former hills, suggested the battle scenes that Milton dreamt of, when Satan waged his war on Heaven and
"Sidelong pushed a mountain from his seat."
Emerging upon the open side again, we beheld far below us the clearly traced shore line, and the blue of the Mediterranean, whose waters to the further west were lost in the haze of the sky, and joining the vault of heaven seemed to rise up to the atmosphere we breathed, which now was crisp and keen, cooled over these eternal snows.

All this revived Grant, so that whenwe arrived at El-Ma'allaka he was a new man. There was much noise and movement about the station, which was filled with passengers to and from Damascus, while a few, like ourselves, were waiting to go by carriage to the famous ruins of the temple of Baalbek. The table was a credit to the stationmistress. Among those who enjoyed the meal were several of the normal type of tourists, a captain of the Turkish infantry whose pock-marked face was marvellously illuminated when he mentioned the beauty of his native Damascus, and a youth from Jerusalem who had donned all of the costume of the West, some of its language and very little of its courtesy. His familiarity was preparing him for a fall.

During the service of dried figs,
more like the "naughty figs" of Jeremiah than to our taste, Grant slipped out unnoticed to interview the liverymen in the yard; and such was his success that on my appearance the platform was the centre of what in our undemonstrative West would be called a riot. There was evidently an uprising of charioteers.
"Only ten francs to the Temple." This was the sentence which rose shrill and clear above the hubbub of sounds; and at its delivery a fresh outbreak of voices, cracking of whips, and wild gestures. The usual price, including the return journey, was twenty francs for each person; and the guild of unsuccessful applicants was indignant.

But Grant was calm: his triumph was kingly. The fever had departed. He was tasting a new kind of "Turkish Delight."

True, our carriage was not of the best, and jolted as if quite conscious of the bargain; the horses seemed to catch the spirit of the carriage, while the driver would stop every now and then to take in some straggler by the way, pleading as his excuse that each was his brother. However, we arrived in the early afternoon in time to visit the Temple, and with the pleasurable knowledge that it was the cheapest trip of the journey.

In a few hours we had finished our inspection and had turned to the hotel on the eastern slope, discussing as we went the labour involved in the quarrying and moving of the giant stones, and that labour now a waste, a haunt for the antiquary to sport in.

While we talked of the temple ruins a woman came towards us, tall and bold of form, with the customary looseness of attire and a shawl on her head. The sun shone dark on her burnished face, the same light which farther west was colouring the snows of the Lebanon with a rosy hue. The face was uncommon for the East; the hair and eyes were fair, and a flush passed up and down the sheek. As we waited for the inevitable "Backshish," a voice spoke in purest English: "You look at ruined temples, but there are more
ruins here than the temple of the Sun." The eye flashed, and the words were fierce, only as they died away the fierceness gave place to a deep sadness, as when the infant's petulant cry of anger tones off into the low wail of one broken-hearted.
"How do you speak English so well?"
"It had been well for me had I known no other tongue."
"You speak in mystery."
"It is no mystery to me, but only misery."
"What troubles you, good woman?"
She waited, scanned our faces and, as if satisfied, made answer:
"Will you listen if I tell my story? It can be of no avail-I must remain; but the telling of it will relieve me; and when you hear it you will know that there are other broken things in Baalbek besides the fallen pillars."
"We will gladly hear you, and help you also if we can." So Grant encouraged her; for he was kind and easily moved to pity. The following was her tale:
"I spent my childhood in the Province of Nova Scotia, on a farm remote from the sound of railroad, and far from any meeting-house or village. My parents had migrated from Scotland and, being too poor to buy a farm, had gone inland to cut out a home from the native wilderness. After devoting every moment to their toil they earned the reward which honest effort seldom fails to receive, so that in my time the landscape had been transformed. My father had made all the improvements himself, following the method of home production. The wooden cottage was built from our own trees and, though there were some faults in the sills, these were concealed in winter by the annual banking of the tan bark, while in summer my mother planted along the edge her flowers, of which she loved most of all the lupins and the bleeding-heart. I used to pick these to pieces and wonder if hearts could really bleed. The fields of grain and grass, alternating with crops of roots, were my father's
pride, and he would tell of the cartloads of stones which had gone to make the farm the richer, and which were now used for the front wall along the roadside. He had cleared, burnt and stumped every acre of the fair hillside. And it was an object worthy of his joy, though the world has scant admiration for the heroes of the soil who recover the forests and drain the swamps.
"But success had claimed its wage, and, by degrees, work, like a slavemaster, had bound him over by a fast contract. The struggle was impressed on him and my mother, even as on yonder stones of the temple you watched the chisel marks of the past. Sometimes they would rebel against their fate, but their protest was in vain, so that when years brought affluence and a prospect of lessening the tension, the time for such relief was ever postponed. My mother was not of the ordinary type, being the supplement rather than the complement of my father. She had not limited her efforts to the female duties of the farm, and the chores about the yard, but had loved to work in the woods and the fields. They were both chips of some harder block, and the stream of a common work had worn them into one shape.
"They treated me as a member of another state from theirs. My girlhood was passed in ease, free from that incessant toil which followed them. Every stone they lifted from my path; and, while in my heart I knew that their care of me was a labour of love, yet my rebellious nature would whisper that all was due to their love of labour. My parents had given me leisure, but had not furnished me with the social necessities of leisure, so that I was a creature living without an atmosphere. My world was uninhabited. I was a foreigner at home. They gave me all that care could give; they could not give companionship. They were prisoners of labour, and I was a flippant child of ease; and we passed our lives in closest separation. Most of all was it tedious in the long win-
ters, when the snow came in November and blocked the road, while it was well on in May ere the frost had heaved out of our slaty soil. Mails were irregular; visitors were very rare. I chafed against my lot. I only faintly perceived their love. I rebelled against their labour."
A pause came in the story, as she looked to the distant hilltop, and then continued:
"Into that silent anarchy of our home an agitator came. I can remember so well watching him as he climbed the road. His figure was unusual and could not be mistaken. The stalwart form only partially concealed the traits of his class, for the swing from side to side, and the stoop of the head revealed him to be one of those pedlars who crowd our Province in such numbers. His manner was as striking as his form. A soft accent and pleasant smile put him at once on good terms with his company.
"He came with our December storm, and that winter it was impossible to move for many days; and into our snowbound home he brought great pleasure. He told of the romances of the Middle Sea, of the thrilling tales of Druse and Meronite; of the beauty of Damascus, the river Barada and the slopes of the Lebanon. He stirred my mind with the Scripture prophecies of the time when the nations of the earth would return to the land of promise at the second advent of the Saviour to this world. He told of a large estate of his family near Baalbek, into which he would enter when his father, now aged, had passed away. He told of more than one "Temple of the Sun." Thus he gave me my atmosphere; peopled my silent world. He entered my realm and became my king. Enough to say that ere the last snows fell that winter we were married, and escaped together to our 'Promised Land.'"'
Another furtive glance over her shoulder, and she read our thought, "What of your farm and heritage?"
"Yonder is my home;" and she pointed to a field of several acres on the distant hilltop, where slight
patches of green were visible. "That is our farm. I am its keeper. Within the room he dwells who brought me; and our heritage is all but gone. He is a lover of indolence, and I am the reluctant slave of labour. Often do I wonder at my parents, and at the irony of events that I should by force be driven to their calling. I have so often asked if there is not something in the blood that has transmitted it. Doth fate ever follow people thus? So still I rail at work; and when I think of the curse of the land I wonder what murder I am guilty of. Is it my parents' character that I have killed?"

When she stopped Grant questioned her as to her return home.
" Who can escape the passport system of this land of captivity? Besides, he watches and will soon call for me. I go back to my lot; and of late I have been regarding it a little more kindly. I recall the glow that would brighten my mother's brow when a day's work was accomplished, and my revolt passes into submission. I begin to feel that I am more their child than formerly. Their spirit, though late, is passing into me. And amid it all I remember the words of a perfect child
who was one with His Father, and who said, 'My Father worketh hitherto and I work.' I think, too, of the motto that hung over our mantelpiece at home: 'Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.' Then I cease my flippant ways and check my complaint."

The shrill voice of a man cried out: "Marie," and with no farewell she had gone. The sun began to set; the Lebanons, that were so rough in daytime, passed through that wondrous range of colours that repeats itself each evening in the East, and the ruins of the temple seemed to hear the message of the old sun god, and the six pillars stood out as if no destruction had ever entered, while a ray of gold followed the woman as she hurried off.

In the morning early our coachman called and asked the prepayment of the fare, that he might settle with the innkeeper. We gave him the stipulated ten franc piece. He took it and chuckled, and said he would not drive us back to the railway until we paid another.
"It only meant one way."

# THE FUTURE CALLS UPON THE EMPIRE 

By DOUGLAS KERR

 T the present time there are serious reasons why Canadians should consider well before accepting the words of Mr. John Morley in his recent visit to our country, when he warned us against paying any practical heed to European politics. If we, in Canada, are to make any account of our connection with the Empire, we must of necessity recognise the Empire's inevitable relation and ever-shifting responsibilities all over
the world. Great Britain has ever to face new situations as a world-wide power, and of late has had to adjust herself to changing conditions and redistribute her forces to meet these. In this latest redistribution of her military and naval armament Canada is involved; and the effect is ostensibly felt in the withdrawing of the garrisons from Halifax and Esquimalt, and the removal of her fleet from our Atlantic and Pacific waters.

In spite of Mr. Morley's warning we
may glance across the Atlantic and see the cause of these imperial decisions. Too heavy an expenditure on military upkeep is creating even in the Conservative Government of Great Britain a desire to curtail in some form the burden of taxation. And the menace of Germany's naval ambitions is awakening such concern in the Old Country that the concentration of Great Britain's only European arm of strength near home is made absolutely necessary.

If we further enquire into the causes of German naval growth we shall find a state of affairs which calls upon the people of Canada to take a livelier interest in the affairs of the European Continent. While these affairs necessarily lie beyond the range of the average reader's immediate interest, no observer of European politics can view with disregard the tendency on the part of Russia and Germany to walk hand in hand. In Russia there always has been a dearth of freedom of political thought and necessarily a dearth of freedom of thought in general. But till lately it was not recognised that also in Germany-once the home of original literature and research, there is setting in a reaction in favour of absolutism, which under the present régime bids fair in time to equal the present sterility of freedom of the neighbouring Empire. In Russia the artificial means of suppressing even thoughts of constitutional government have so long been in practice that their danger to civilisation passed unnoticed. But the tendency in Germany is recent. It is only lately that experienced observers and writers have noted the certain trend of the Emperor of Germany towards absolutism. The machinelike precision which has marked this retrograde evolution has helped considerably to keep the eyes of the world blinded, but recently most alarming lights have been thrown on the designs of the reigning houses of Russia and Germany and their adherents.

We can only instance in evidence a few of the significant episodes. It is well known that Germany, that is the

Kaiser, has guaranteed the peace on Russia's German frontier if the Czar finds it necessary to withdraw the garrison there for Far Eastern purposes. This does not only mean no invasion of Russian territory, it means the overawing of the Russian Poles. What may not be so well-known is that recently the German Ambassador at St. Petersburg asked for, and was granted, Russian decorations for German policemen, who had been instrumental in bringing to book certain enemies of the Czar in Germany. A little and a great incident which proved the hand-in-hand policy of these two Governments.
In the several self-governing nations within the reach of Russia's land arm, the minions of autocracy are making themselves felt. Pressure on the Government of Sweden was lately brought to bear on the editor of an anti-Russian journal. The police of Holland have been doing the bidding of the Chief of the Secret Service at St. Petersburg. The most recent information goes also to prove that the Danish Parliament realises the danger of the situation by its taking cognisance of the manufacture of munitions of war for Russia within the Danish Government factories.

Now let us look at a few of the indications of the trend of Emperor William's personal policy. What the police of Russia do this astute ruler does personally; he undermines, or tries to undermine, the constitution of every free State within his reach, never forgetting that first and foremost his own subjects must be deprived of their constitutional rights. Already he has a natural weapon to use. The methodical and systematic nature of the German people make it easy for him to unconsciously mould the public service, and semi-public service, into a great automatic machine, with which he hopes in time to crush the freethinkers, writers and workers into a recognition of his own supreme authority. This heedlessness of the constitution has answered his purpose so well at home that he has tried, and in
some cases successfully, to use the same methods in his dealings with foreign States. His Bagdad Railway scheme, and his drawing Britain into co-operation against Venezuela, are instances of his desire and power to ignore and override constituted authority even in Britain, for the British nation on these two matters were not consulted. There is still darkness, and always will be, as to how these affairs actually came to a head without previous Parliamentary discussion. In the one case the people realised in time the deep-laid scheme, in the other only after they had made themselves the laughing-stock of the world.

But what does this artificial building up of power portend? Why are Russia and Germany walking together? Let us take the latter question first. The Czar and the Kaiser must, from geographical necessity, either be a danger to one another or become firm friends. Personally Emperor William has a vast influence over the weaker Nicholas, and one can almost see his impetuous diplomacy being carried out through his agent at the Czar's Court. That there is a very good understanding as to whose commerce may at the present juncture be harassed by Russia, nobody doubts. Certainly the schemes emanating from St. Petersburg for the annoyance of British and American shipping, savour much of German intelligence and method.

So these two monarchs are joining hands from reasons of policy and of mutual interest, and from a fear of the influence of the free-thinking countries of France and England. As Poland was swallowed, so do these two monarchs hope in time to swallow up more peoples. It is in the blood of the German and of the Muscovite this desire to Germanise and Russianise. To do that successfully there must be no voice of the people within the State. For either Russia or Germany to have an opposition, such as the British Government had during the Boer War, would mean an end to the ambitions of the Czar and Kaiser. There is no influence behind the German throne. Be-
hind that of Russia there is supposed to be the power of the Grand Dukes; but only time will show which is the real mover of the millions of the Czar, whether his cousins the Dukes or his friend the Emperor William.

Whether successful in the East or not Russia will press north and west, as Norway and Sweden with all toogood reason fear. And a glance at the map of Europe will show that Germany can hardly content herself with her present northwestern boundary; for to the average German it seems anomalous that her chief commercial waterway, the Rhine, should find outlet to the sea through Dutch territory. The only two powers who will resist these movements, first politically, and then, if needs be, physically, are France and England. At present these are the bulwarks of European liberty, and if Europe is not to become the plaything of Russia and Germany, and all its races subjected to their influence, the Anglo-French entente must be recognised and strengthened by the moral support of the great North American people. Already we have seen an unconscious instinct of common danger drawing these two old enemies together. Frenchmen recognise very vividly the impending danger creeping out of the near East. There is a note of gladness, almost of relief, over the friendliness of the two peoples. The erasing of difficulties has nothing to do with this feeling of new strength. It is there; and, unconscious though it be, there must be something to cause jubilation. Peoples do not at once grasp the situations they are in. History shows that common interests and existences are unconsciously felt before being publicly recognised.

In the present light of European affairs can Canadians afford to think with Mr. John Morley? We say most emphatically, no. At this time, when England is preparing herself internally and abroad to meet a crisis in her existence, it behooves Canadians to morally and materially help the Empire, not alone for the sake of Empire, but for the preservation of what is best in

Europe and what must ultimately be best for our own Dominion.

In the eyes of the whole world Canada recognised and was forward to the rescue when Britain's cause and honour were at stake in South Africa; and a more recent expression of unity and sympathy in the response of our citizens to the appeal of one of our great newspapers in connection with
the cry of the poor in the Motherland shows how deep and strong is the present desire of Canada for the wellbeing of our common heritage. Why then should not intelligent Canadians look with interest and, if need be, with concern, on the future of Britain, and discern the signs on the European horizon and elsewhere, which must ere long chequer the path of Empire?

# THE TAXATION OF FRANCHISES 

By ALAN C. THOMPSON



HE application of steam and electricity to transportation has greatly increased and cheapened travelling facilities and the conveyance of merchandise. With every extension of our railway system demand has kept pace; settlements often precede their projection, and then clamour for their construction. Nothing perhaps has contributed more to the settlement of our waste places and the spread of modern civilisation than the ease and cheapness with which men and things can be carried from place to place. With the development of this and numerous other services, such as the distribution of gas, water and electricity for light, power and heat, has grown up a class of corporations whose business it is to carry on these public services for their own profit. Although many of these conveniences were all but unknown within the memory of persons still living, they have come to be regarded as absolutely essential to the comfort and well-being of the community.

It was natural that, when first projected, in a new and sparsely settled country like Canada, the enterprising citizens who promoted such undertakings should be liberally aided by the public, and certainly no corporation has any such cause of complaint for the lack of assistance or because of a
grudging or bargaining spirit manifested on such occasions. The aid took various forms; sometimes they were granted exemption from taxation, but more often they obtained money or lands, and not infrequently both. In the very rare cases where no bonus or exemption was accorded them they got the privilege or franchise for their business as a free gift.

In the early days of these enterprises it was usually considered that the franchise itself was of no value; and those who were public-spirited enough to risk their money and energies in developing the country in this way were conferring the favour. As, however, the country grew in population, and greater strides were made in opening up and developing our resources, it became apparent that the mere right to carry on these public services had a monetary value varying with the kind of service, the population, and the fertility of the area tributary to it. This value first became recognised in the case of privileges connected with our cities and towns, and the municipal authorities, always impecunious, viewed with a hungry eye the untaxed privileges of the corporations. In consequence of the development of these values being more recent than the various acts which determine the rights of taxation of our municipalities, the law was
vague and obscure. The courts were applied to and, with that liberality of construction with which the law appears always to be interpreted when the interests of private corporations are opposed to that of the public, it was held that the franchise was not a tangible property, but of the nature of good-will, and therefore exempt.

That this decision is not based upon facts is apparent when it is considered that while a good-will is extremely difficult to transfer effectively, there is no trouble about the transfer of a franchise, and its transfer absolutely secures to the holders all the profits of the privilege; while cases are on record of franchises being sold for large sums immediately upon their being granted, and before anything was done to develop them. So far there appears to have been no attempt to reopen the question, or even to get the opinion of the Privy Council on the matter, though for many reasons in addition to those given above it is probable that the decision is not good law, as it certainly is bad policy and contrary to common-sense.

A franchise may be defined as the right of using public property for private gain. This public property invariably involves the use of land in some form. A franchise then is not goodwill, but the right of using land, and is virtually a leasehold, and to all intents and purposes is real estate. In England, for the purpose of taxation, it is so classed, and there is little doubt that were the courts again called on to consider the case they would find the existing assessment acts of the various provinces quite wide enough for their taxation. A conservative estimate of the value of the franchises of Canada which at present escape taxation is $\$ 240,000,000$. This, at the average rate of taxation, would yield a revenue to the municipalities served, or rather controlled by them, something like $\$ 4,000,000$ a year. It is little wonder then that the taxation of franchises is one of the live questions of municipal government, and already several of the states of the American Union have
adopted the principle, and the taxation of franchises form part of their recognised source of revenue. The State of New York passed an act for this purpose as early as 1900.

Those who advocate the taxing of wealth or value wherever found should require no convincing that this immense value should no longer escape. While those who contend that privilege alone should be taxed see in franchises a great source of public revenue hitherto untapped, and one, too, which will reduce rather than increase the burden which industry has to bear. A serious difficulty, however, appears to meet us at the very outset: that is the finding of a satisfactory method by which to determine the value of a franchise. There are many different kinds of franchises; some, like the TorontoStreet Railway's, are exclusive monopolies, others, like some steam railways, have more or less competition from other lines. Then there are gas companies who, though they have no opposition from other gas companies, are yet subject to the competition of electricity. The length of time the franchises have to run is an important factor in the value; some are perpetual, others are limited to a term of years, in which case the value will grow less and less as the term draws to a close. All these considerations have a direct bearing on the selling value of the franchise, but have absolutely nothing to do with its value for the purpose of taxation. The taxable value should be based upon the earning power of the privilege, and can readily be ascertained by capitalising the net earnings at the current rate of interest and deducting the actual capital invested; this will give the value of the franchise. Thus if a company have $\$ 100$,ooo invested in an electric lighting plant, and after paying all expenses are earning $\$_{15}, 000$ a year, this capitalised at $5 \%$ would represent a value of $\$ 300,000$; by deducting the actual capital invested of $\$ 100,000$, we find that the value of the franchise is $\$ 200,000$.

In this way the question of compe-
tition or the time the franchise has to run would not be a factor in the estimate, but simply its earnings for the current year. The next year, if competition cut down the earnings or the increase in population added to them, the assessment should be varied accordingly. So far from a terminable franchise being of less and less value as it approached its expiration, it would grow more and more valuable if, as is usually the case, the population kept on increasing.

It is this fact, that the value depends on the presence of the people, that is the strongest argument for the taxing of these privileges.

The value is a public value; it is created by the people, not by the operators; and every increase in population or in their wealth and intelligence, adds to it. It is essentially a land value and, like every other land value, gets a direct benefit from the expenditure of public money and the existence of good municipal government. Gas companies must use 'public streets for their mains; the telephone and telegraph companies must have ground in which to plant their poles or bury their wires; the electric and other railways must use land for their rails, and without the use of land they would all be as helpless as a man in mid-ocean. It is sometimes claimed on behalf of railways that these lands are of no more value than the adjoining farm land, and that their right-of-way could be duplicated at the same cost per acre as the adjoining farm, and, therefore, they should not be assessed at any higher figure. But this is not true, for without their franchise they would have no right to cross the public highways, and without this their property would be simply a series of disjointed strips, valueless alike for railway pur-
poses or agriculture. Again, it is urged that where a corporation pays for their franchise, either by a lump sum or by an annual rent, they should not be asked to pay taxes. But the question is not how they got it, but what is it worth? and there is no more reason for exempting them on the score of purchase than for exempting the purchaser of a lot from the municipality. The city of Toronto owns the island that forms the harbour, and leases ground to tenants; but though they pay rent to the city, this does not exempt them from city taxes and, though the rent is fixed for a term of years, the tax on the land is increased with every increase in the land value. The principle of taxing land values is a part and parcel of our municipal system, consequently it is only necessary to establish the fact that franchises secure the right to use land, to prove that they are really included within the scope of our present system of taxation, and that they have been up to the present escaping their fair share.

No doubt this view of the case will be combatted by the beneficiaries of the present interpretation of the law, but even if this view is wrong it is no reason why the law should not be amended. Nothing in legislation is so thoroughly understood as that our system of taxation is subject to change without notice and without compensation to the interests adversely affected. If then the public interests demand the taxation of these values, and this is generally conceded, any doubt of the legality of such a proceeding should be dissipated by such amendments as shall make it absolutely clear, and make franchises liable to assessment at their full value based upon their earning capacity.


$I^{7}$T needs no prophet to predict that politically Russia cannot always remain as it is. The tendency towardsselfgovernment is as certain in a community as is the desire of the individual to order his own life in his own way. It is to little or no purpose to say that the Russian peasant is dull, unambitious and unenterprising. That is all true; and if there was to be no change until the moujiks brought it about, the Czar might sleep soundly in his palace. The populace of St. Petersburg, however, if the army got out of hand, would be quite competent to overturn the dynasty, and the myriad-headed peasantry would hear of it in such a vague and distant way as to be practically unmoved by the intelligence. If the icons in the corners of their dwellings, with

THE RECIPROCITY QUESTION


THE CAUSE OF THE COLD WEATHER
(Uncle Sam doesn't seem to find the latchstring out at Miss Canada's front door. But he must make it clear that he means business, and is able to take a reciprocal view.)
-Record-Herald (Chicago)
the sacred lamps burning before them, gave no sign, they would consider that all was well. Everything, therefore, depends on the fidelity of the Imperial guards and the disposition of the workmen of St. Petersburg. Both are drawn from these same icon-worshipping peasants. In their rural seats their good-nature, thoughtlessness and stolidity are proverbial. Has city life changed these characteristics? The Nihilist propagandists are undoubtedly in their midst prompting them to disorder and revenge.

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Had the Czar possessed the bonhomie and quick tact which our own Richard displayed when he ranged himself at the head of Wat Tyler's men, after that disturber had been slain, and offered himself as their leader and champion, it would not have been necessary to record the slaughter of the late unhappy Sabbath. But the Czar is evidently not such a man. He appears to have resented Father Gopon's demand much in the spirit that an upstart nouveau riche would resent a demand for a conference by his coachman. Autocracy should always be open to receive the petition of those over whom it rules by Divine authority. Peter the Great's description of himself as the autocratic monarch, who has to give an account of his acts to no one on earth, but has a power and authority to rule his states and lands as a Christian sovereign according to his own will and judgment, does not, it is true, leave a loophole for the idea that he should in any way consult his people or listen to their cries. And the attitude of his successors has ever been that the Russian people
are the useful instruments by which the political aims of their rulers are to be accomplished.
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But personal rule logically implies that the ruler must admit the ruled to personally state their grievances or desires to him. In so vast an Empire as Russia such a method of learning the complaints of the people is, of course, impracticable ; but when a portion of his subjects desire to avail themselves of that means of communication he should have respected their wishes at any hazard. The word hazard, however, may supply the keynote of the refusal. The Czar cannot at any time meet a miscellaneous number of his people without incurring great danger. When it is possible to carry in a form not much larger than an orange enough destructives to blow a ponderous state carriage into the air, what security would the Czar have that some Czolgozs would not take advantage of the admission of the rabble to an audience to wreak the murderous commissions of the Nihilists upon him? The painful fact is that while the young monarch is the Little Father (Batushka) to millions of his subjects, to a few others he is the tyrant whom it is a duty to destroy.

There is a strange fascination in watching the course of events on the Neva just now. It seems to some of us that we are witnessing the enactment of a drama which we read years ago in the fervent prose of Thomas Carlyle. It is a repetition, but on an immeasureably vaster scale, of the experience of seeing at the theatre the dramatisation of an interesting novel which has been in everybody's hands. The invariable impression is that it is now and then compared with the story, and these workmen's riots on the streets of St. Petersburg, Lodz and Warsaw bear the same relation to the epic of Carlyle. They indicate the mere clumsy passions of the coarsest texture of human nature compared with the re-

ONE VIEW OF MR. BALFOUR


MR. FACING BOTH-WAYS
I'm not for Free Trade, and I'm not for Protection ; I approve of them both, and to both have objection.
-Westminster Budget
fined malignity and theatric rage that conceived at once the feast of the Supreme Being and the daily journeys of the tumbrils to the guillotine. It is presumptuous on the part of us who are so far from the scene, and amid facts so foreign to us, to pass an opinion of what is to be the end of all this, but it is not rash to conclude that the power of autocracy has been more shaken in the past two months than in the past 200 years. Within that period it has lost reputation for the one quality for which alone it might be endured, namely, efficiency. The power that humbled the Swedish conqueror at Pultowa, which drove in irretrievable ruin across the Beresina the greatest warrior the world has ever seen, at the head of the most formidable host the world has ever seen created a glamour that dazzled subject and non-subject alike. The power that is humiliated on land and sea by a littleconsidered race of dwarfs, and that admittedly is unprepared, ill-organised, and even lacking in patriotism, has

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been unveiled and discovered for what it really is-a corrupted and arrogant oligarchy with a weak princeling at its head. It has produced nowhere the strong, dominant figure that towers above the weltering sea of humanity and controls its tides. Not even a Mirabeau. One voice alone rises above the din-the voice of Tolstoi, a second John the Baptist, but he prophecies of no coming saviour, but asks his countrymen to turn their eyes backward on the lowly Nazarene and find in His life and example an escape out of the slough in which they are mired. But his words are read by a hundred to whom they are not addressed for every one to whom they are. The Russian peasant is more concerned about where he is to get his next surfeit of vodka, and lights the lamp before his ikon when the day after headache and repentance comes.

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Meantime the two great armies are facing each other buried in the earth, not so much to escape each other as to escape a more insistent and searching foe-the Manchurian winter. The Baltic fleet is still outside the ken of the telegraph wire, in the trackless wastes of the Indian Ocean. The delay may be interpreted as being favourable to that power which is popularly supposed to have the greatest resources, namely, Russia. But she may be only accumulating at Harbin what will prove to be a rich spoil for the Japanese when the day for ruinous overthrow arrives.

Some of the British newspapers are giving us a most fantastic interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. Canada need not fear an attack from an enemy, they say, because the United States would regard an invasion as contrary to the Monroe doctrine. Canada will only be attacked by a European power as a possession of Great Britain. In any war in which Great Britain may be engaged the people of this country will be engaged in also. It would be preposterous for the United States to permit us to send aid to Britain and yet prevent Britain's foe from endeavouring to punish us for doing so. Our American neighbours would have to take one position or the other. They would either have to prevent us aiding Britain or suffer us to take whatever knocks were being given in the contest. If they tried to prevent us aiding Britain they would be interfering in something with which they have no business. Canadians do not need or do not ask for protection from the United States. We do not recognise the Monroe doctrine as applying to Canada. This was a British country before ever there was a Monroe doctrine or a United States to announce it.

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Our neighbours will perhaps begin to think that instead of widening the scope of the Monroe doctrine it would be the part of wisdom to narrow it. They have just been compelled to take charge of the affairs of San Domingo. American officials will be put into the custom house, and the duties devoted

MAP SHOWING THE NEW DISTRIBUTION OF THE BRITISH FLEET


The concentration of the British fleet in new squadrons, mainly in the Atlantic Ocean, has occasioned much comment. This, apparently, is due to the growth of the German navy.
to meeting the legitimate expensesand obligations of the island. It is said that the San Domingo negro is rapidly reverting to barbarism. Cases of cannibalism have been reported from the interior. The condition of the negro in the United States and in the various West Indian Islands would form a very interesting enquiry and, from what I
have seen, I apprehend that the enquirer would find that the negro of the British possessions is altogether a more civilised and self-respecting being, although his material surroundings are not as favourable as in the South, than his brethren elsewhere north of the Caribbean sea.

John A. Evaan

## LOVE'S ROUNDELAY

## BY INGLIS MORSE

ARED-ROSE wreath my lady wears
And scent of jasmine in her hair, While in her eyes a lovely air Doth sweeter grow with passing years.

Her face and form and soul are mineAh, mine they are forever more! Just as I dreamed in days of yore My dream of her sweet self divine.
 fabric of open weave, and plainly made; the walkingskirt pleated at the seams; the short coat with a narrow vest of suede a shade lighter than the suit, which was dull olive green; a plain, brown felt hat and fur boa completing the costume. Another dress worn in New York during the past season, and admired more than any other in a drawing-room famous for its beautiful dresses, was of a thin wool and silk mixture, and made with graceful, flowing lines, its only ornaments being tucks, three in the

TAWDRY APPAREL


O-DAY in large towns and cities the effect of the bargain-counter is plainly evident; you can almost see the price-tags dangling from the various articles of wearing apparel. As you pass by the motley crowds on popular thoroughfares, you recall to mind the various periodical displays of new goods, the countless ready-to-wear or neat sailor hats, and the cheap but good dress materials; and you find yourself wondering what becomes of them, and why the people as a community do not look well dressed. Individually, and I do not exclude any class, the well-dressed woman is the exception. By "welldressed" I do not mean expensive toilets, showily attractive, nor bearing the stamp of any fancy-priced modiste, but I do mean toilets of good material and quiet colour, and of much the same colour throughout, and neat and attractive by virtue of simplicity. Take as an example a costume noticed recently in Toronto. The material was
skirt, and three in the bodice, with a fall of soft, white lace round the top of the bodice. So much for simplicity in form and colour.

On the other hand, take as examples several dresses seen on the street-cars during the past year. One was of calico, and made pretentiously, as a print gown never should be. The more furbelows on such a dress the shabbier it looks when the end of its first season is at hand. The colour, too, had not been selected with a view to durability, and so it had faded to an ugly shade, and beside, was soiled and limp-looking. And yet in spite of all this you would have passed it by unnoticed had it not been for the brand new deep collar of black sequined net which scintillated about the woman's shoulders. It was the incongruity which attracted attention. And the bargain-counter was at fault-or, was it? Why was such an article ever manufactured? In the beginning whence came the demand for the tawdry thing? And once on the market, was not the merchant justified in getting it off his hands at
any counter after a change in fashion had sealed its fate? Another woman, wearing a soiled print dress, had on a hat trimmed with bedraggled plumes, than which there is nothing uglier. Plumes should be worn, if at all, only by women who can afford, and have the sense to burn them at the first sign of wear and tear, and not pass them on to make some badly-dressed person look worse. May the day soon come when they will no longer be offered for sale! They are a luxury which many who wear them can ill afford and, when you look over a city and see the great numbers worn, you cannot but think with pity of the men who toil indoors from morning till night to pay for these, and many other useless, senseless ornaments.

Then there were other women wearing cheap, shabby, and loud-coloured flowers; and others again, decorated with soiled or tattered laces; and still others bedecked with much cheap and vulgar jewellery. And again you ask why are such things ever manufactured? And why will women wear shabby flowers, and cheap lace untidily, and various medleys of ugly garments and vulgar ornaments? If only the government of a country would take the matter in hand and deal with the manufacturers of these despicable goods as it does with the makers of spurious coin!

At the present time, however, there are at least two forces at work which give promise of better things for the future in Canada. In the first place, there is the plain shirt-waist suit, with corresponding hat for women of all classes. It is taking a surer hold as the seasons come and go, and should satisfy the most fastidious of those who have been on the watch for a conventional dress for women. Taboo anything that is more masculine. If there is danger of your being influenced by any fanatic on that question, imagine what you would think of a man you might meet wearing, for instance, a woman's skirt with his ordinary coat, and carrying a lace sunshade; that is, if you care at all for a man's opinion.

Secondly, there is the Salvation Army, which I think is responsible for a certain vital influence in the right direction among various classes; and while it prohibits laces and feathers, aud artificial flowers of all kinds, and jewellery, would it not be preferable not to see these at all, rather than to be confronted at every turn with the meaner sorts ? I think so. And yet cannot the happy medium be found and maintained? For instance, if a woman will wear lace, let it be good, and clean, and whole, and sparingly used, as the French use it, to show the pattern; let her artificial flowers be modest in colour, and fresh-looking; her plumes, if any, be kept for special occasions; her jewellery be only of the best, and useful, and modestly worn. Let her resolve that she will never open her purse to pay for a tawdry article of any description and, above all, avoid forming the habit of bargainhunting. It is, at best, a pernicious one.

In small towns women, as a class, are better dressed, and there is this one criticism for the farmer's daughter. It is in the matter of hat-buying she is at fault. She must have, apparently, a pretentious one, at no matter what cost to the remainder of her costume. She is seen frequently in town in a shabby suit, but wearing a handsome hat, sometimes even a pattern hat; and you cannot but wonder if, ostrich-like, she imagines her body is as is her head.

Annte Merrill

## A DEFINITION OF LOVE

IN Sir Gilbert Parker's latest novel, A Ladder of Swords, there is an interesting conversation between the heroine and Queen Elizabeth. Angèle tells how Michel saved her from death, though he was seven times wounded. She points out that his action had need of recompense. The following part of the conversation is as follows, the Queen speaking first:
"And 'tis this ye would call love betwixt ye-sweet givings and takings
of looks and soft sayings, and unchangeable and devouring faith. Is't this-and is this all?"
The girl had spoken out of an innocent heart, but the challenge in the Queen's voice worked upon her and, though she shrank a little, the fulness of her soul welled up and strengthened her. She spoke again, and now in her need and in her will to save the man she loved, by making this majesty of England his protector, her words had eloquence.
"It is not all, noble Queen. Love is more than that. It is the waking in the poorest minds, in the most barren souls, of something greater than themselves-as a chemist should find a substance that would give all other things by touching of them a new and higher value; as light and sun draw from the earth the tendrils of the seed that else had lain unproducing. 'Tis not alone soft words and touch of hand or lip. This caring wholly for one outside one's self kills that self which else would make the world blind and deaf and dumb. None hath loved greatly but hath helped to love in others. Ah, most sweet Majesty, for great souls like thine, souls born great, this medicine is not needful, for already hath the love of a nation inspired and enlarged it; but for souls like mine, and of so many, none better and none worse than me, to love one other soul deeply and abidingly lifts us higher than ourselves. Your Majesty hath been loved by a whole people, by princes and great men in a different sort-is it not the world's talk that none that ever reigned hath drawn such slavery of princes, and of great nobles who have courted death for hopeless love of one beyond their star? And is it not written in the world's book also that the Queen of England hath loved no man, but hath poured out her heart to a people; and hath served great causes in all the earth because of that love which hath still enlarged her soul, dowered at birth beyond reckoning." Tears filled her eyes. "Ah, your supreme Majesty, to you whose heart is universal, the love of
one poor mortal seemeth a small thing, but to those of little consequence it is the cable by which they unsteadily hold over the chasm 'twixt life and immortality. To thee, oh greatest monarch of the world, it is a staff on which thou needest not lean, which thou hast never grasped; to me it is my all; without it I fail and fall and die."

She had spoken as she felt, yet, because she was a woman and guessed the mind of another woman, she had touched Elizabeth where her armour was weakest.

## CANADA'S GLORY

The days grow dark with a dreary gloom, The shadows are weird and deep, The wind is singing a mournful dirge While the red sun sinks to sleep. The dusk is gathering cold and chill, The shadows beckon the night. The naked trees stand gaunt and lone Outlined on the fields of white.

IN the old days of our childhood, we counted on having our first snowball fight somewhere about Guy Fawkes' day, and we were confident that we should find the walks clear and dry and ready for ball playing on All Fools' day. Now the autumns have become later each year and the winters loiter on their way seemingly forgetful of the claims of spring. If the arrival of the seasons continue to change we may expect shortly to celebrate an Australian Christmas languishing on our lawns beneath the spreading trees.
As in connection with most things that belong to one, we are censured if we display inordinate praise, so no doubt certain individuals will attack me if I draw attention to and become too enthusiastic about the climate of our country. When we pause to consider the climates of different countries, we can realise that in no country under God's blue skies have they a climate to compare with Canada. That is, considering it all the year around.
Down in California, about which certain people like to boast, consider the disagreeableness of the off season! Abominable heat; in many places the


A band concert in earl's court, london, england Photograph taken on Whit-Sunday
roads sprinkled with oil in order to keep down the dust. Out-of-door life impossible between noon and sundown, and innumerable other conditions which prevail for nearly half the year. Farther north again in Washington Territory and Oregon they bask in a delightful five months of rain when a woman is afraid to venture out of doors without top-boots on. I saw a pair of these top-boots once and the wearer remarked that she always had hers made to order as shop boots were scarcely strong enough to keep out the water.

The off season in the south is too well known to dwell upon. A New Orleans girl remarked to me once, "Its real abominable down there after June and one simply must clear out or run the chance of going to bed with fever."

Even dear Old England over the sea becomes so tangled in mists that umbrella factories are most productive concerns and the girl with straight hair is compelled to wear a wig or look eccentric.

Here we have no off season. They are one and all glorious in themselves. The limpid summer with its roses and
sunshine, the sun scarcely ever too warm for comfort. The golden autumn with its fruit and incomparable foliage. Then the clear bright winter with the invigorating air and that ever-present sunshine. I think if ever a country deserved the sun for an emblem, Canada does. And then the spring-the glorious, budding spring when, if we feel a trifle impatient to see the snow still linger in the hollows, we have only to brush the white mantle aside and see the tiny green things actually sprouting!

The writer sometime ago contributed an article on Canada to an English magazine. Some reader, who will likely not be satisfied when he passes the golden gates, wrote to the editor and took exception to a certain remark about the country. The editor left the question open for discussion. In the next issue several letters appeared by Old Country people who had either lived as residents or had visited in Cnaada for some time and who thought that too much praise could not be given to the Land of the Maple. An honest conviction will usually make itself heard.

Esther Talbot Kingsmill.


THE SHANGANI PATROL


AST July there was unveiled in Rhodesia, within hailing distance of Cecil Rhodes' tomb, a monument to Major Adam Wilson and his devoted followers. The monument bears the simple inscription:

## TO BRAVE MEN

In December, 1893, Major Wilson was sent in pursuit of the fleeing Metabele leader, Lobenguelo. He crossed the Shangani River at a ford about twenty yards in width. Instead of finding a fleeing enemy he found him in considerable force. Wilson at once sent word that he needed reinforcements. His twenty men was thus increased to thirty odd, and he camped near the river over night. In the morning he found bodies of the enemy between him and the river. He again sent for help, but the main body of the British was itself beating off an attack. In the meantime the ford had become a raging torrent three hundred yards wide, and assistance was difficult. Major Wilson found himself cut off. He ringed his horses and made a final stand for over two hours and a half against an ever-increasing enemy. Ammunition ran short, as attack after attack was repelled. One by one the little party was shot or assegaied, Major Wilson being about the last to die. Every man not already dead was killed in the final rush. There is no more tragic incident, no record of greater bravery in the annals of the Empire then the story of the Shangani Patrol. The calm courage, the unflinching facing of certain death on the part of this little body of men, made a great impression upon the natives, and did much to inculcate a respectful admiration for the race which these men so nobly and so magnificently represented. It has made
more easy the work of the British in South Africa and has helped to lay the basis for confidence and co-operation.

## THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS

ONE of the most remarkable and reassuring political verdicts ever rendered in Canada was that given in Ontario on January 25 th. The Liberal administration, with the Hon. George W. Ross as premier, was defeated at the polls by a majority of 35,000 votes, mainly because of electoral abuses of which a certain section of the party had been guilty. As a consequence Mr. Ross has resigned and a new cabinet has been formed under the Hon. J. P. Whitney. In the new Legislature Mr. Whitney will have a majority of thirty-six, there being 67 Conservative members and 31 Liberals. This is the first Conservative victory in Ontario in thirty-three years.

If political affairs in Ontario have been disgraceful in the past, this verdict effectually wipes off any stain on the Provincial escutcheon. The people showed clearly their ability to rise above party allegiance when there was a clear-cut issue as to political purityThe old administration was punished, the new administration was warned, and the general political tone of Canadian life has been materially improved.

## PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

THE other day, in the House of Commons, a member of the Administration defended a certain course of action by stating that a similar practice was followed by his political adversaries when in office. Surely that Minister must have forgotten his oath of office. A wrong is a wrong no matter which political party is guilty of it, and it cannot be defended by any
such miserable subterfuge as this. A Conservative wrong followed by a Liberal wrong does not make either act just and equitable.
1 There are thousands of dollars squandered annually in this country -even millions-because there is no definite principle underlying the distribution of new wharves, postoffices and other public works throughout the provinces. The Conservatives had no such princple when they were in office, and the Liberals have been but little better in this regard. The people recognised the inefficiency of the Conservative administrators, and turned from them; a Liberal administration was put in power, and one member of it proceeds to justify his conduct by saying the Conservatives followed the same practices. The only ray of hope in the situation is that the Cabinet Minister who resorted to that excuse probably did so in a moment of thoughtlessness, due to the fact that he is new to his work. Yet, even allowing for that, such a defence must not go unchallenged.

The present administration has given the country many reforms, and it is to be hoped that the good work is not ended. Fresh from the country, with a splendid majority and a new lease of political life, it should be more earnest than ever in placing the expenditures of all public monies above party or local exigencies, basing it as far as possible on principles which will apply in Nova Scotia and British Columbia as well as in Ontario and Quebec.

The people interested in political patronage in the constituencies would probably protest much if such a reform were initiated, but a higher standard of conduct is expected in a Cabinet minister than in the average local party worker.

THE BIBLE AND THE SCHOOLS

INN The Daily Chronicle, of London, England, there recently appeared an editorial on "The Bible in the School,"


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The new United States Ambassador to Great Britain
in which this significant sentence occurs:
> "At present there is danger, lest the nation, weary of the unending strife among the sects, may be driven to seek peace by secularising

The United States and Canada have already been driven into that position, and in public schools on this continent the Bible has no prominent place. In France the movement towards secularising education has been going on for some years, and the struggle is graphically pictured in Zola's last novel. In England the same difficulties have arisen and the same influences towards secular schools are in evidence.

There is no objection to the Bible in the schools on the part of any considerable class; it is sectarian education which causes the trouble. The Roman Catholic Church, the most enthusiastic upholder of church or separate schools at present, is anxious to teach church doctrine rather than moral principles; and the same is true of the English Church in Great Britain. These or-
ganisations are unwilling to rely on their church services, their Sundayschools and the home teaching for keeping the rising generations within the bonds of religion. They desire to enlist the services of the schoolmaster. The idea is a good one, where there is only one view of truth and religion. As there are many views, the public school-master finds it impossible to serve many masters.
Just now this question is again to the front in Canada, since the Roman Catholic Church desires to insert in the constitution of the new provinces now being erected in western Canada, a provision that separate schools are an inalienable right of the Roman Catholic population. By such action they hope to prevent Roman Catholics supporting the secular public schools even when they desire to do so. Under the Canadian constitution of 1867 this right was preserved to them in Ontario and Quebec, and it is a considerable advantage to them in these two provinces. In Manitoba, created a separate province three years later, they have to a great extent lost ground, because the declaration concerning Separate Schools in that province was not equally binding. They propose to prevent any such conditions in the new provinces. Whether the majority of the people, who stoutly stood for the right of Manitoba to decide this matter for itself, will take a similar attitude in regard to the new constitutions is a question which is agitating the public to-day. The answer will be interesting, perhaps politically dramatic.

## THE SPEAKER ELECTED

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{N}}$N Wednesday, January irth, the House of Commons elected as Speaker the Hon. R. F. Sutherland, M.P., Windsor, Ont., the Clerk presiding on this occasion. The speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is worth reprinting:*

[^8]Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister). Mr. Flint, the first duty which devolves on this House at the opening of this new parliament is to at once proceed to the election of a Speaker. I need hardly remark that the position of Speaker of this House, under our parliamentary system of government, is second to none; is, in fact, equal to the highest in the gift of either the Crown or the people. In the first place, the Speaker of the House of Commons is the channel of communication between the House and the Crown; he is the mouthpiece of this assembly; and, in the olden time, in the earlier parts of the history of the motherland, when the relations of the Crown and parliament were not as clear and as well defined as they are at the present moment, this part of the duties of the Speaker was of paramount importance. But we live in calmer and happier days, and the duties which the Speaker performs in this line are, we may say, only perfunctory. But, on the other hand, the duties which the Speaker has to perform as presiding officer of this House have increased importance. These duties require special qualifications which it is not always easy to find combined in the same person. In the first place, it is expected of him who fills this chair that he shall be of a mind at once judicial and fair, that both sides of the House and all parties may expect at his hand a uniform and fair treatment. It is expected of him also that he shall be well versed in parliamentary law. I have to submit to the House that in our judgment, and I believe in the judgment of all, Mr. Robert Franklin Sutherland, member for the north riding of Essex, is well qualified in all these respects to fill the office of Speaker. The members of the present House who were his colleagues in the last parliament will agree with us, I believe, that we can fairly trust that in his hands the good traditions of the House of Commons as they have come to us from the motherland, as we endeavour to maintain them in this country, will be well preserved. I, therefore, beg to move, seconded by Sir William Mulock:

That Robert Franklin Sutherland, Esquire, member representing the electoral district of the north riding of the County of Essex, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

## A SENATOR'S WRIT

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{N}}$N Wednesday, January inth, the Hon. Raoul Dandurand took his place as Speaker of the Senate. Immediately after his installation four new Senators were introduced. These were Rt. Hon. Sir R. J. Cartwright, C.M.G., Ottawa; Philippe Auguste Choquette, Quebec; James Hamilton Ross, Regina; and Thomas Osborne

Davis, Prince Albert. The writ by which a senator is summoned is an interesting document, and is as follows:

CANADA
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[L.S.]
EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of.Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.
To our Trusty and Well-Beloved Councillor, The Right Honourable Sir Richard John Cartwright, G.C.M.G., of the City of Ottawa, in Our Province of Ontario, in Our Dominion of Canada.

## Greeting:

Know Ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of our Dominion of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion; and We do command you, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor The Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot. Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, \&c., \&c., Governor-General of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, this Thirteenth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four, and the Fourth Year of our Reign.
By Command,
R. W. Scott,

Secretary of State.

## THE NEW PROVINCES

THE establishment of new provinces in the Dominion does no more than emphasise the development of


HON. R. F, SUTHERLAND, M, P. The new Speaker of the House of Commons
that part of Canada which, owing to lack of knowledge and lines of communication, has been the last to be opened for settlement. It seems strange, however, that no new province should be necessary since 18;o, the year when Manitoba was erected. Thirty-five years is a long period in the life of a country, and in this case it brings clearly to the mind how slow the progress of the West has been. For nearly thirty years the development was far from being as spectacular as it has been in the last five. At times, even the bravest of our statesmen must have been discouraged. At times almost the whole nation relinquished hope. But the day of pessimism and doubt has passed; the rich and prosperous West contains two new provinces, the people of which will be greatly encouraged to supreme effort; and Canada is now a Dominion with nine provinces instead of seven. Welcome, Saskatchewan and Alberta!

John A. Cooper

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## TIGER TALBOT

DISGUISE it as the historians may, there were times in the history of the now loyal Province of Ontario when there was a strong feeling towards republicanism and annexation to the United States. This is not the time, however, for an examination of those circumsiances and an impartial recounting of the causes of disaffection. Later on the people will be better prepared for the truth. Yet it is the present time which the fates have chosen to throw new light on the lives of some of the most sturdy champions of British connection. The life of Sir John Beverley Robinson was reviewed in a previous issue; that of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Talbot now demands attention, because of Judge Ermatinger's volume. "The Talhot Regime."*

The Talbots de Malahide were one of the nine great houses which survived the Wars of the Roses, and are now said to be the only family in the United Kingdom which has held its ancestral estate in the direct male lineage for seven hundred years. Malahide is a small village and castle on the Irish sea, nine miles north of Dublin. Here, in 1771 , was horn Thomas Talbot, one of a family of seven sons and five daughters. He was one of the younger sons; is said to have received a commission in the army at eleven years of age; was educated at Manchester; at seventeen was aide to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and, two years later, joined his regiment, the 24th, at Quebec. When Governor Simcoe made his first visit to Upper Canada in 1792, Lieut. Talbot was his

[^9]secretary, and he was present at the meeting of the first Parliament at Navy Hall, Newark, in September, 1792. It was during these years as secretary that he conceived a liking for the province and a desire to help in the upbuilding of this portion of His Majesty's dominions.

After active military service in Europe, from 1794 to 1801 , he returned to Canada to found a pioneer's estate. As an officer of the army he was entitled to 1,200 acres of land, but through his influence with Governor Simene and other officials in England, he secured a further grant of 5,000 acres. In May, 1803, he secured possession of these lands and began his real life-work in Canada.

There are two classes of pioneers. The one comprises those who are content to clear a small farm, stock it, work it, and help their children to do likewise; the members of the other class have more imagination, and desire to open up tracts of country. To the former, a hundred acres or a quarter-section is sufficient; to the latter, 5,000 or 10,000 acres may be insufficient. Talbot was by ability, temperament, training and opportunity, destined to be one of the latter class. In fact, for many years, he was the chiet figure in the domestic events of southwestern Ontario. He was the registrar of the district by appointment, and governor of it by self-choice. He was in command of the militia of the London district when the War of 1812 commenced, and was of great assistance to Brock in his swift march against General Hull. When the war ended, the Colonel found his large farm laid waste by the enemy, his grist and saw mills burned to the ground, all his effects carried off or destroyed,
and his people reduced to the utmost distress and poverty. He set to work again in earnest and soon restored his thriving colony, made the Talbot road famous, and continued his efforts to extend settlement.

The story is too long to repeat here. The volume will repay considerable study, although it is so overloaded with useless details and ill-digested facts that it can never be a very popular book. The chapter of anecdotes throws more light upon the man's real character than any other. He was a rough-and-ready autocrat living in rough-and-ready times. That he was thoroughly British, and helped to keep this part of Canada for the British crown, is beyond peradventure.

## CATHEDRALS OF SOUTHERN FRANCE*

THE English portion of the population of America has taken but little interest in cathedrals until recent times. Trinity Church, Boston, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral of New York are almost the only expressions of such an interest. As the author of several works on this subject says:

> "In recent times the Anglo-Saxon has mostly built his churches on what he is so pleased to think are "improved lines that, more than anything else, resemble in their interiors playhouses, and in their exteriors cotton factories and breweries."

There is some change imminent possibly, as more interest seems to be taken in all forms of art. Art expression must find its outlet somewhere. In France it has found it in cathedrals, and the time may come when the same occurs in America.

France, to-day, is divided into sixtyseven bishoprics and seventeen archbishoprics, but when the cathedrals were being built the sees were less numerous. The great era of cathedral building was in the twelfth cen-

[^10]tury, partly because of the growing art knowledge of the people, partly because of the development of Gothic architecture, and partly because the archbishop desired a church which would rival in appearance and importance the fortress of his competitor, the feudal baron. The introduction of the Gothic arch made height a possibility. The old basilica, with an aisle 12 feet wide and a nave 24 feet wide, would give a roof-ridge height of but 40 feet. The Gothic church, with a nave of this same width would give a roof-ridge height of 82 feet. Enlarge the nave to 50 feet and the ridge rises to 171 feet.

There are hundreds of splendid churches in the South of France, and some wonderful cathedrals. Ste. Cecile d'Albi, which was begun in 1282 , and was more than a hundred years in building, combines both the aspect of a fortress and a church. Its nave is 88 feet wide, and the body is built of warm, rosy-coloured brick. St. Front de Perigueux is "the grandest and most notable tenth-century church yet remaining in France," being about the size of St. Mark's of Venice, and greatly resembling that famous edifice. It, however, was rebuilt in the twelfth century and restored in the nineteenth. Notre Dame des Doms d'Avignon is a small, but pretty, twelfth-century church, less imposing than the later "palace" which marks the temporary residence of the Popes at that spot. St. Pierre de Poitiers and St. Pierre d'Angouleme are also twelfth century, but show more traces of the Romanesque style. The latter "possesses the finest Lombard detail to be found outside of Italy." Notre Dame Le Puy is of the same period, and is built on what is said to be the most picturesque spot in the world. It, too, is Romanesque.

The volume, which forms the basis of these remarks, is a notable production and is a credit to its author, its illustrator and its publisher. The author, Francis Miltoun, is also responsible for "The Cathedrals of Northern France," "Dickens' London" and

other works. He treats his subjects most sympathetically, though the arrangement of his material at times lacks orderliness and cohesion.

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

THOSE who are interested in the present discussion of separate schools will find some conflicting testimony from the United States. Chapter xxi of the Report of the Commissioner of Education (Washington, 1904, Government Printing Office) deals with the subject of "Parochial Schools." Rev. Faiher Sheedy, the writer, opens by saying:
"The most impressive religious fact in the United States to-day is the system of Catholic free parochial schools. Not less than a million children are being educated in these schools. This great educational work is carried on without any financial aid from the State. The parochial schools are maintained by the voluntary contributions of Catholics. For the Christian education of their children, Catholics are making tremendous sacrifices that elicit the praise of all thoughtful

Americans; and at the same time they are saving to non-Catholic taxpayers a vast sum, estimated from $\$ 20,000,000$ to $\$ 25,000,000$ annuaily, for this is what it would cost if the children now being educated in the Catholic parochial schools had to be provided for in the public schools."

An entirely contrary view is given by Rev. Father Crowley in his book "The Parochial School: a Curse to the Church and a Menace to the Nation." (Published by the author, Sherman House, Chicago). He begins by saying "Catholic priests and prelates are determined to destroy the American public school. . . . The Catholic hierarchy has in view the selfish interests of its priests and prelates and not the true welfare of the church or state.

I shall deal in this book with the Catholic parochial school as it is, and I shall show that it is a curse to the Roman Catholic Church, and that it is a menace to the nation."

It is hard at this distance to know where the truth lies as between the disputants, but that there is a dispute and a question there can be no doubt.

## THE SECRET WOMAN *

ONLY those with brave hearts and with an optimism which nothing can dismay should read "The Secret Woman," Eden Phillpott's latest novel. The bleak, forbidding moors of Devonshire are the background of a dark, weary drama of love and $\sin$. Climate, atmosphere and topography have an effect upon the human mind, and ot this Mr. Phillpott makes the most. The harsh conditions of life among the naval people of Dartmoor-where it will be remembered was the famous prison-make these ignorant persons hard and matter-of-fact. Their sentiments are of the crudest. Their conduct is near to that of primeval man.

There is an attractiveness in the book due to its realism-the realism of Maupassant and Zola. Jesse Redvers

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DISRAELI AS A YOUNG MAN
From a Painting by Sir Francis Grant
is in love with Salome, daughter of a neighbouring farmer, but is unsuccessful in his suit. To add to his misery, comes a domestic tragedy. His mother discovers that the father is unfaithful and in a fit of anger she strikes him as he leans over the well. He falls in and is killed in the presence of his two sons. They keep the secret and give no evidence against the mother. Eventually, Salome decides to marry Jesse, and this draws from him the story of his father's death. Salome, the secret woman, who had loved his father, is thus placed in a position to avenge her lover's death, which she does. It is a powerful drama.

## DISRAELI AS A POET

It may not be generally known that Disraeli was a poet. At the age of nine-and-twenty he wrote a long poem called "The Revolutionary Epick," of which a new edition has just appeared in England. The criticism of the time declared that it was not poetry but rhetoric. Yet, to the curious it is interesting, because in many passages it indicates the idea of the man at that period. For example:

## -Then let us learn

That little virtue lies in forms of rule; But in the minds and manners of those ruled Subsists the fate of nations.

And again:
A holy office mine and noble aim; To teach the monarchs and to multitudes Their duties and their rights.

## NOTES

It will be a hundred years next May since the poet Schiller passed away.

One of the greatest book needs in Canada is a two or three volume history of the country. It should be written, not by a collector of facts such as Sir John Bourinot was, but by some man who is able to present the material in proper perspective and enable people to see the underlying principles upon which Canadian civilisation has been built. There are several excellent single volumes, but there is no complete history written in the style of Green's "Short History of the English People," and in a corresponding compass. Kingsford is too bulky for the average reader.

It may interest Canadian poets and admirers of poetry in general to recall that Thomas Moore received $£ 3,000$ for the copyright of "Lalla Rookh." Moore did not, however, think that the popularity of this poem would be lasting. He is said to have remarked to Longfellow that "in a race to future times (if anything of mine could pretend to such a run), those little ponies, the 'Melodies,' will beat the mare 'Lalla' hollow." Moore died in 1852 . Stephen Gwynn has just written his biography for the English Men of Letters Series.

Writers who tell the truth and are not always anxious to be in the swim, occasionally get into trouble. James S. Metcalfe, of New York Life, has been speaking frankly of the New York Theatrical Trust for some years, and has now been denied admittance to the 47 theatres in New York which the Trust controls. The fulsome flattery of the Trust's plays to be found in Canadian dailies will never cause the writers to be excluded from the Trust's theatres in Toronto and Montreal, but it is disgusting nevertheless.
"The Summit House Mystery" is the title of the latest story by Lily Dougall, author of "The Zeit-Geist,"
"Beggars All," etc. Miss Dougall is a daughter of the late John Dougall, of the Montreal Witness. She was born in Montreal in 1858 . Her first book, "Beggars All," was not published until 189r. She was educated at Edinhurgh University and has lived much abroad, but lately has spent part of each year in Montreal. The British journals speak highly of this new work, but Miss Dougall has never secured a Canadian publisher for her works. The United States market is taken by Funk \& Wagnalls.

Hodder \& Stoughton are bringing out in Great Britain a series of Literary Lives, edited by $W$. Robertson Nicoll. Three volumes are already issued: John Bunyan, Matthew Arnold and Cardinal Newman.

Chatto \& Windus now effer a complete edition of Swinburne's poetical works in six volumes, at 36 shillings per set.

Among the recent issues in London are "The Secret Woman," by Eden Phillpotts (Methuen); "Life of Winston Churchill," by A. M. Scott (Methuen); "The Valley of the Shadow," by William Le Queux (Methuen); "The Year's Art" (Hutchinson); "Uganda and Its Peoples," by J. F. Cunningham (Hutchinson); "Unveiling of Lhasa," by E. Candler (Edward Arnold), and "The Road to Tuscany," by Maurice Hewlett.

The three hundredth anniversary of the publication of the first part of "Don Quixote" was celebrated by two dinners in London-one of a public nature, the other at the Whitefriars Club.
"Sandy," a new long novel by Alice Hegan Rice, the author of "Mrs. Wiggs," is announced for early publication in the forthcoming season. It tells the story of an Irish boy who goes as a stowaway to America, and then lives with one of the old families in Kentucky.


## BYGONES

"Now tell me, my laddie, just why Your history lessons you try To avoid-don't you see They will help you to be A very wise man by-and-by?"

[^12]Margaret Clark Russell.

## A QUESTION OF ACCENT

FRANCIS WILSON says that Maurice Barrymore once made the rounds of the offices of the theatrical managers in London, trying to get them to put on a new play that Barrymorehimself had written. One of the managers to whom Barrymore had read the play seemed much impressed. Before their interview had ended it had been decided to give the piece an early production and to have Barrymore "do" the leading role. About a week after what Barrymore had supposed was the definitely agreed-upon arrangement had been reached, the actor received a note from the manager asking him to call. When Barrymore responded to the summons the manager said:
"I like the play, old fellow, and I'm going to give it a fine production; but, really, I don't see how I can use you in the cast. Your beastly American accent won't do at all, you know. They don't like it here."
"That's odd," said Barrymore; "they tell me on the other side that I won't do on account of my beastly English accent. What on earth am I to dogive recitations on the transatlantic steamers?"-Harper's Weekly.

## HAVE EXCUSE FOR BLUSHING

"I wish they'd invent a new expression occasionally," said Top, as he perused the account of a recent wedding. "It's always 'the blushing bride.'"
" Well," replied Mrs. Top, "when you consider what sort of husbands most girls have to marry you can't wonder at their blushing."-Tit-Bits.

## A PRIMER OF LITERATURE

What is the Literature of to-day? Fiction.
How is Fiction divided?
Into Historical Novels and Nature Books.

What is a Historical Novel?
One that shows no trace of History or of Novelty.

What is a Nature Book?
A volume of misinformation about animals.

Why are Nature Books popular just now?

Because they are the fashion.
Mention some recent Nature Books.
" The Lions of the Lord," "Pigs in Clover," "The Octopus," "The Blue Goose," and "The Sea Wolf."

What are the best selling books?
Those which sell the best people.
What is a Magazine?
A small body of Literature entirely surrounded by advertisements.

Why is a comic paper so called?
Because it's so funny that anybody buys it.

What is a critic?
A Critic is a man who writes about the books he doesn't like.

What is Poetry?
Lines of words ending with the same sound.


UNNECESSARY QUESTION
Enthusiastic Motorist-"Well, how do you like it ?"-Punch

## What is a Minor Poet?

A poet not yet twenty-one years of age.

What is a Major Poet?
There isn't any.
What is a Publisher?
A man who is blamed if a book doesn't sell, and ignored if it does.

What does a publisher mean by Prohlem Novels?

All, except Kipling's and Mrs. Humphry Ward's.

What makes a book a phenomenal success?

Much bad, much pad, and much ad. -Carolyn Wells in The Metropolitan Magazine.

## PAUL REDVIVIUS

Paul du Chaillu, the one-time African explorer, performed a Good Samaritan act one night in assisting along the street a very intoxicated stranger. The man told him where his home was, and after considerable difficulty

Du Chaillu got him to his door. The bibulous one was very grateful, and wanted to know his helper's name. As the explorer did not particularly care to give his name in full, he merely replied that it was Paul. "So it'sh-hic-Paul, ish it?" hiccoughed the man, and then, after some moments of apparent thought, inquired, solicitously: "Shay, ol' man, did y'ever get any-hic-any ansher to those lo-ong lettersh y' wrote to th' Ephesians?" Argonaut.

## RATHER POINTED

The young man who had travelled began: "And there I stood, the abyss yawning at my feet."
"Was it yawning before you got there, or did it begin after you arrived?" asked the young woman who had never been away. And then the young man found he had just time to catch the last car.


THE LARGEST PHOTOGRAPH IN THE WORLD

THE largest specimens of any variety of grown or manufactured product always has a special interest. To photographers and others, an account of the making of the largest photograph in the world must be exceptionally interesting. As is usual in such work, a number of sectional pictures are taken and then enlarged. These enlargements were printed consecutively on a large sheet of paper. The detail description, as furnished by Emile Guarino, is as follows:

This gigantic picture taken by the "Neue Photographische Gesellschaft," Berlin-Steglitz, measures 38 ft .8 in .
by 4 ft .11 in., and represents the Bay of Naples seen from Castel San Marino, the highest point behind Naples from which the eye commands the whole city and bay as far as Mount Vesuvius and Capri. Six different views on as many plates were first taken; they measured $8 \mathrm{ft} .1 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{x}$ 10 ft .5 in . From these six plates, which were designed with a view to being connected with one another in a continuous series, six enlargements $4 \mathrm{ft}, 11 \mathrm{in}$. x 6 ft . 7 in . in size were prepared by means of an apparatus with a lens 1 foot in diameter. The enlargements were made directly in silver bromide paper. In order to develop the picture, a huge wheel was made of specially prepared


HOW THE LARGEST PHOTOGRAPH IN THE WORLD WAS DEVELOPED
The wheel built for the puroose had a periphery of forty-one feet


RETOUCHING THE FINISHED PHOTOGRAPH
wood. The wheel was ${ }_{1} \hat{3} .12 \mathrm{ft}$. in diameter and 5.5 ft . in breadth, the periphery being 4 I ft . and containing 90 slats. There were further used three large tanks about $701 / 2$ cubic feet in capacity, intended respectively for the developing, clearing and fixing solutions. A gigantic water tank 49.2 ft . in length, 6.56 ft . in breadth, and 2.46 ft . in height, having a total capacity as high as 476.68 cubic ft ., was further used.

On account of the large developing wheel employed, the paper was developed by night in the open air. The total consumption of water used in
washing the print was about 10,593 cubic feet.

After the water was drawn off, the picture was stretched out on wooden bars attached to the upper edge of the tank, where it remained for about ten hours before it was completely dried.

Each tank could be shifted about on five iron wheels moving along rails $5^{2} .48 \mathrm{ft}$. in length.

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## PROBLEM

A new problem will be found on page 488.


THE LARGEST PHOTOGRAPH IN THE WORLD


## OPTIMISM



N an address to the Canadian Club of Ottawa, Mr. Byron E. Walker, General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, declared that he was an optimist; that no business-man who is a pessimist can hope to succeed; that the wise optimist expects trouble, but looks upon all trouble as mere detail. There is food for reflection here. The optimist not only takes advantage of all progress, but he creates progress. If a nation consists of citizens who are not confident that a successful future lies before that nation, there can be little advance. Confidence begets confidence, and also begets success. A country is exactly what its citizens make it. All countries are pretty much the same; the varying degrees of progress are, as a general rule, the result of the various degrees of optimism which permeate the people as a whole. No nation of croakers can ever become great.

The same is true of business. All business progress is founded on optimism and common-sense-the one acting and reacting on the other. If all the business-men of a country decide that trade is likely to be bad next year. it will stagnate.

There never was a time in the history of Canada when there was a greater reason for optimism, nor greater need for it. The development of the last few years has been magnificent; the development of the next few years depends on our having confidence. The country is rich, immigration is proceeding apace, the Government is doing its duty, and the rest lies with the people-the capitalists, the
bankers, the business-men, and the other classes. Mr. Walker's statement that optimism is the key to success, is worth remembering.

## AGAINST RECIPROCITY

THE treatment accorded by the U.S. Senate to the Newfoundland reciprocity treaty indicates that there is little chance of a meeting of the Quebec-Washington conference bringing about any arrangement likely to make easier the trade movement between the United States and Canada. The fishing interests, centering at Gloucester, were able to persuade the Senate to strike salt fish from the list of Newfoundland products to be admitted free into the United States. These same interests would be more strongly opposed to the free admission of Canadian fish. Then, if the statements of the New York Tribune's Washington correspondent are well founded, the U.S. iron ore, coal and slate producers were opposed to clauses in the Newfoundland treaty calculated to effect their business, and they, too, were stricken out. The U.S. interests in question would have far more competition to expect from the free admission of Canadian ores and coal than Newfoundland under any probable circumstances could offer. It seems also, from the Tribune's report, that some of the senators were fixed in their views from a fear that the ratification of the Newfoundland treaty would prove an entering wedge which would make it easier for friends of reciprocity with Canada to secure a treaty. Both the rejection of the Newfoundland treaty-for its amendment
was practically a rejection-and the arguments on which the action was based, are indications that a reciprocity treaty with Canada, if it could be negotiated, would fail of ratification by the U.S. Senate, which is using its constitutional powers in regard to treaties in a manner to humiliate President Roosevelt and to make the representatives of other nations chary in agreeing to any convention with the United States that the Senate may have to do with.-Montreal Gasette.

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THE PATRIOTIC CRY

AS far as possible Canadians should give a preference to the works of Canadian authors. At the same time Canadian authors should never count on the support of Canadian readers simply because they are Canadians. Many a novel, many a volume of poetry, many a work of history and biography and many a periodical, miserably mediocre in character, has been foisted on the Canadian public and its sale urged on the ground that it represents struggling Canadian literature. Better have no Canadian literature at all than that it should have to be judged by such a standard. Fortunately for our national reputation, we have some authors who can hold their own in the international arena and to whom we can point with pride as exponents of Canadian ideals and standards. We are to-day producing histories and biographies of real merit. Our novelists are winning world-wide fame. It is to be regretted that certain writers should be advancing unworthy claims for recognition. The patriotic cry has its limit.-Bookseller and Stationer (Toronto.)

## GENERAL NOGI

Nogi has been a devoted family man all his life, but puts the ties of country before the ties of family. Before the war with Russia broke out he had two fine sons. When hostilities commenced he and his eldest son were one day talking about the likelihood of their going to the front, when the younger son came up to them and ex-
claimed that if they were going to the war he wanted to go too.
"Excellent!" replied the father; "it shall be a race in patriotism between us."

There has been a sequel to this incident which is very sad, and in which Nogi glories. The elder boy became a lieutenant in the First Division, and his father was just setting out from Japan for the attack upon Port Arthur, when the news of his death reached him. He had been killed in the battle at Nanshan. The sorrow-stricken mother was about to prepare for the funeral service when Nogi turned to her and asked her to hold it back.
"I say this," he said, "because I and my other son have resolved to give our lives for the Emperor if necessary, and if we all die one funeral will serve for us instead of three!"

Only a few days before the fall of Port Arthur the second son was killed at the capture of 203 -Metre Hill, and now only Nogi, the father, remains. It is said that the Japanese were so impatient for the fall of Port Arthur that they would not have tolerated the delay in any other general than Nogi, being to a man assured that he would do all that was humanly possible.Selected.

## ANOTHER PROBLEM

IN response to a request for further curious problems, a subscriber sends this:

In the following sum in long division all the figures have become obliterated except four. Complete the sum by supplying the missing figures, and explain in simplest form how they are obtained.

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    In this delicate way, he insinuates that a mere deputy-minister, a mere C. M. G., should not dare to question a written contract and the contractor's interpretation thereof; and, quod erat demonstrandum, neither does any right lay with the Auditor-General, even though $\$ 4,000,000$ is involved.

    ## THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FIGHTS

    And yet the Auditor-General did question, did get the contract inter-
    *See Letter of April 26th, 1902, from Collingwood Schreiber to the Auditor-General. Auditor-General's Report, 1902-3, p. 14.

[^4]:    *This report will be found in the AuditorGeneral's Report, 1902-1903, pp. 32 and 33 .

[^5]:    Mr. J. D. Reid. The Auditor-General states that the Cornwall canal has seven locks and two bridges and the Soulanges canal six locks and seven bridges.

    Mr. Fitzpatrick. My hon. friend would be amazed to hear that on the Cornwall canal there are eleven locks and on the Soulanges canal there are four locks, according to the

[^6]:    Dust to the dust, but the pure spirit shall flow Back to the burning fountain whence it came,
    A portion of the Eternal, which must glow
    Through time and change unquenchably the same,
    Whilst thy cold embers choke the sordid hearth of shame.

[^7]:    "What then?" was his question.
    "Can you not suggest something

[^8]:    *House of Commons Debates, Revised Edition, p. s.

[^9]:    *The Talbot Regime, or The First Half-Century of the Talbot Settlement. St. Thomas: The Municipal World, Ltd., cloth, illustrated, 400 pp .

[^10]:    *By Francis Miltoun. Plans and diagrams by Blanche McManus. Boston: L. C. Page \& Co. Cloth, 550 pages, ninety illustrations, \$1.60. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co.

[^11]:    *Toronto: Morang \& Co.

[^12]:    "But you told us, sir, not long ago, To always obey you, and so I thought I just would
    When you said that we should
    'Let bygones be bygones,' you know."

