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## MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

## THE LATE THOMAS MALCOLM.

The province of New Brunswick has suffered a distinct loss in the death of Mr. Thomas Malcolm, who passed away at Bathurst on Wednesday. As a railway builder Mr. Malcolm took second place only to the late Mr. Alexander Gibson, of Marysville. He built the Temiscouata railway from Edmundston to River du Loup, 111 miles long, and also the International railway from Campbellton to St. Leonards, 113 miles in length. The last named road, which is now part of the Canadian Government Railways, opened to settlement a rich tract of land in the northern part of the province, and at the same time gave the people of that section a short route to the markets of the New England States. The old government granted assistance to the International to the extent of \$11,200 per mile, \$8,000 per mile being in the form of a bond guarantee. It will be recalled that some short-sighted politicians, including Hon. J. D. Hazen, Mr. J. Kidd Flemming and Mr. B. Frank Smith, who then sat in opposition in the Legislature, strongly condemned the government for assisting the International road, declaring that it was a sink hole and would never earn enough to pay interest on the bonds, to say nothing of the principal. Despite their opposition, Mr. Malcolm was able to complete the road, and after operating it for several years, disposed of it to the Dominion Government for a price in the vicinity of \$3,000,000. When the purchase money is paid over, the province will be released from every dollar of liability on account of bond guarantee in connection with the road.

He would be a bold man, possessed of wonderful prophetic powers, who would venture to predict the year when the bonds of some of the railways guaranteed by the present administration, shall be paid off and retired.

Although members of the present government are constantly boasting of the increase in stumpage which has occurred in recent years, there is no doubt that a large share of the credit for that is due to the foresight and enterprise of the man who built the International Railway and thus stimulated the development of the lumbering industry in an important section of the province. New Brunswick owes a lot to the ability, enterprise and great business capacity of the late Thomas Malcolm.

Mr. Hartley Dewart, K. C., M. P. P., of Toronto, in a speech before the Montreal Reform Club a few days ago, took occasion to point out that 535,000 of the people of Canada were unrepresented in the House of Commons at the present time. He supported his statement by giving a list of the constituencies, together with the population of each. The Borden government, which according to its newspaper organs possesses the confidence of the people to a marked degree, seems to have a horror of by-elections. It suits its purposes better to permit one-fourteenth of the people of Canada to be unrepresented than to risk its chances in a by-election. In other words, the Borden government is suffering from a bad attack of cold feet.

Christian Science Monitor: The news of the manufacture of what is said to be the first leadpencil made in Canada calls attention to one of the most practical articles in common use today. The lead pencil, furthermore, has a history extending over several hundred years, for it is claimed that a manuscript of Theophilus, attributed to the 13th century, shows evidence of having been ruled with a black lead pencil, and an article by Conrad Gessner

of Zurich, in the 16th century, distinctly mentions an article for writing made of wood and a piece of lead.

Philadelphia Ledger: Had the Mother Country in 1775 sent cargoes of beans instead of tea to her new world colony, the widely advertised Boston escapade could never have been staged. The men might perhaps have donned their doughty Indian dress and borrowed hatchets, but at the crucial moment their innate loyalty and deep-rooted affinity would have prevailed upon them to spare the hapless bags of inoffensive beans. In hesitant groups they would have visioned the succession of potential Saturday evening dinners which were about to be consigned to the sea, and then slunk off to their respective homes to inform the head of the household that the bean tax was a necessary evil and must be endured.

There are now fifteen vacancies in the Senate of Canada, and the announcement is made that the government will fill all of them before Parliament meets next Thursday. As the government is not anxious to create any more vacancies in the popular branch of Parliament, there will probably be a lot of disappointed Tory M. P.'s.

Freeman's Journal: Peace overtures generally proceed from a power frustrated of its military purposes and political aims, and it would be the very height of absurdity to suppose that England, France and Russia have begun to despair of victory in the field sufficient to impress their wills upon that piece. Therefore the whole question narrows itself down to the terms which Germany will now offer. The restoration of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Roumania are necessarily first essentials, but that only brings us a short distance along the programme which the Entente Powers set out to fulfil.

## Through Our Sieve

The Bowers that were.

Ever hear of an ill-used persecuted fellow by the name of Harry K. Thaw?

Wall Street doubtless could say some memorable things about the horrors of peace.

It's so much easier for a man to draw a moral from the price of his wife's new hat than to draw a check for it.

Shame to confine a man like Harry K. Thaw in a small place like the whole United States.

In trying to figure out the problem of life, most men subtract what they own from what they owe.

It's all right to make some things go as far as possible, but it isn't policy to stretch the truth.

The children of the man who made a specialty of sowing wild oats before his marriage will be sure to harvest an abundant crop of advice.

In all that crowd exchanging Christmas gifts, you never once saw father. It wasn't that he didn't care, but rather that he didn't dare!

Telling millionaires how to spend money is good enough, but the man with ten dollars would also like to know how to spend his—and get enough to eat with it.

Twelve million one hundred and seventy-three thousand four hundred and twenty-eight working hours are lost each day throughout the civilized world shaking fountain pens so they will make a mark.

A GERMAN CONSUL  
GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—Franz Bopp, German consul general here, and four of his attaches or employees, were found guilty tonight by a jury in the United States district court of having violated this country's neutrality.

"Guilty on all charges," announced the foreman.

All five defendants were accused of having planned to blow up munition plants in the United States and Canada, steamships carrying supplies to the Entente Allies, railroad bridges and military trains.

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INTERNEED GERMANS  
PREPARING FOR PEACE

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Soon to go Back to Civil  
Employment.

Douglas, Isle of Mann, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence) They are busily engaged in preparing for peace in the prison camps on the Isle of Man.

Here there are nearly 25,000 German and Austrian civilian prisoners. Many of them have been residents of the British Isles for ten or fifteen years, and expect to go back to their civilian employment as soon as peace comes. Others have been in England for much shorter periods, and plan to seek fresh fields.

Two years of imprisonment has a sobering effect on the most frivolous and the frame of mind of the internment camp prisoners is at most uniformly serious. Some are learning new trades, others mastering new languages, and others studying the course of the war in map and law book with a view to being on the spot for post-war developments of business and commerce.

Most of these preparations for peace are being done by the prisoners themselves. Their teachers are all from their own number, and much of the equipment for the schools and workshops has been purchased through the British authorities with money supplied by well-to-do prisoners.

At the Knockaloe camp there are about 22,000 prisoners. Four thousand of them are studying languages, engineering, navigation, geography and kindred subjects, or learning trades. Others are at work as gardeners, farmers, road makers or chefs.

All this work is under leaders chosen by the men themselves with the approval of their British guardians.

Among the rank and file of the prisoners, there is no serious complaint about their lot or their treatment at the hands of the British authorities.

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