

# THE DAILY MAIL

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## THE HALIFAX DISASTER.

A most appalling disaster, probably the worst of its kind that this continent has ever known, has overtaken the good old garrison city of Halifax. The news that a large steamship loaded with munitions of war, had been blown up in the harbor, flashed over the wires yesterday morning, came as a staggering blow to all classes of people.

Acts of frightfulness committed by German barbarians on land and sea during the past three years have quite prepared the public for almost anything in the way of a thrill, but the frightful cataclysm at Halifax was about the last thing that anybody expected to happen. There have been terrible explosions in munition plants in the neighboring republic since the war began, but they faded into insignificance in comparison with the Halifax disaster.

Some idea of the terrible nature of Saturday's explosion may be gathered from the fact that the noise of the distinctly heard in the Town of Truro, 62 miles distant, and enquiries for information came from that town before the word of the disaster had been sent out from the stricken city.

Owing to the demolition of all lines of communication, details of the great calamity are still lacking. From information to hand, however, it seems that the first news sent out was not exaggerated.

It is estimated that at least two thousand people lost their lives, while there is a property loss which will total many millions of dollars.

There will be universal sympathy with the Haligonians over the appalling disaster which has befallen their fair city. The victims of the disaster will need assistance, and will need it an once. As the chief Atlantic port and naval base of Canada, Halifax has been necessarily exposed to risks which other cities further inland do not have to incur.

The response to the call for help should be a most generous one. When other cities and towns have met with dire misfortune, Halifax was ever in the forefront when it came to offering succor and relief. Now Halifax is in need of help and it should get it quickly. We feel confident that Fredericton will not be tardy in sending aid to our sister capital city.

A mass meeting of citizens called by Deputy Mayor Walker, to consider the matter of sending relief to the stricken city of Halifax is being held this afternoon. Fredericton will surely act promptly and generously.

The *Annalist*: As a matter of fact, much can be said in favor of heavier income taxes for the man of moderate means. In Great Britain an income of \$6,000 is reduced to \$4,500 after the government's share has been taken. That means compulsory saving of 25 per cent. of earnings that before the war were in most cases freely spent. Such a tax here would mean that instead of forming good resolutions in the direction of economy and letting it go at that, the average American citizen would have to abstract a quarter out of every dollar he earned and live on the remainder.

Southern Lumberman: War has been declared against whiskey to the end; beer and wine exist precariously;

Through Our Sieve

Going up, of course, means ascending.

Going up! The Mail is the uptown daily.

Going up sometimes means going down an' dout. Such a language!

Have we ever felt envious of Halifax for being the chief naval station of the Empire on the Atlantic?

Keep a sheep, keep a pig, keep a cow, keep a hen—or if unable to care for live stock, keep your courage up.

There seems to be no way to convince the family bull terrier that in these days he is a luxury.

Haig and Byng have monosyllabic names possessing all the convincing force of short arm jolts.

It must be a source of great gratification to the pig to know that his future state is to be 60 cent bacon.

## WAR VETERAN

**SAYS:** "I have served in the British Army for 14 years, in South Africa, India and France. In my occupation of shoeing-smith I have met with a great many accidents, for which I have used various remedies, but never have I used anything that can begin to compare with Zam-Buk. As a healer and preventive of blood-poisoning Zam-Buk is in a class by itself. Every soldier should carry a box of it in his pocket."

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# Zam-Buk

but there are left undisturbed 746 patent medicines containing alcohol, according to figures compiled by Representative Meeker of Missouri. Of these tonics, compounds, cordials and elixirs, few contain less than 10 per cent. alcohol; more than half of them contain 20 per cent. and four contain actually over 90 per cent.

Buffalo Commercial: Captions came easy sometimes, as when we note that Mr. James Tutt of Cincinnati was recently married to Miss Alva Tutt of Cleveland.

## UNIONIST MEETINGS

In the interest of UNION GOVERNMENT In this Constituency, will be held as follows:

Friday, December 7th—  
FRENCH LAKE  
MEDUCTIC  
BLISSVILLE.

Saturday, December 8th—  
BURTT'S CORNER  
LOWER PR. WILLIAM  
HAMMONDVILLE

Monday, December 10th—  
SPRINGFIELD  
FREDERICTON, JCTN.  
PARKER'S RIDGE  
McGIVNEY'S JUNCTION

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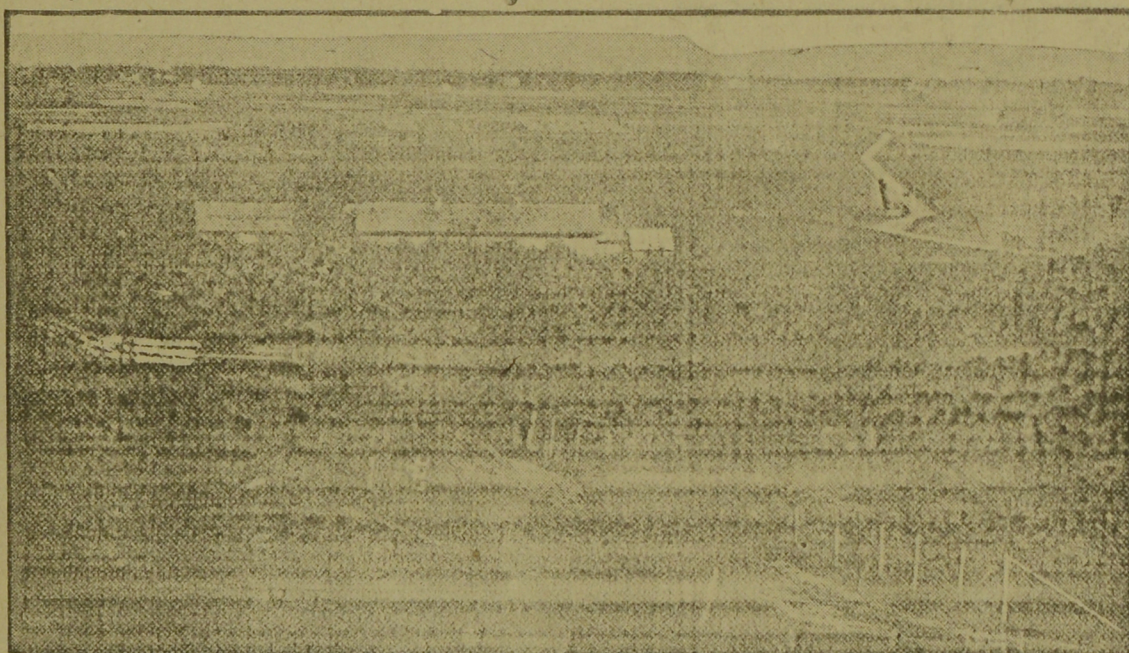
PLUMBERS AND HEATERS

THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

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## ACADIANS OF TO-DAY

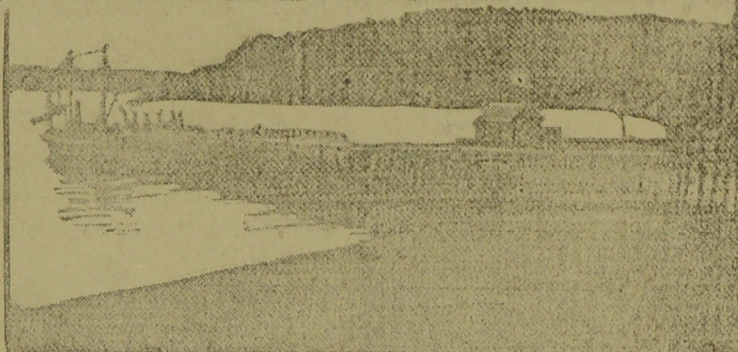


An Acadian Home.

**R**ICH in its history of strong men and heroic women whose stirring adventures by land and sea set the imagination aflame, appealing in its wild scenery of lakes and streams and wooded hills, charming in the lawns and hedges and shady streets of its villages and towns, the country from Yarmouth to Digby, Nova Scotia is the Mecca of the historian, the sportsman, the painter, the geologist and the vacation seeker. In this land, which even to-day abounds in rivers and lakes teeming with lusty, leaping fish, and is clothed with forests of fir, pine, hemlock and spruce, home of deer, moose and bear, the Indians must have lived from time immemorial. Such a paradise for the huntsman must have been the subject of song and story among the redmen.

And here too the Norsemen came full five hundred years before Columbus set out in his three tiny ships. Urged on by their dauntless spirit the wild Norsemen drove their war galleys far south and west from Iceland till they reached the land which a no less hardy race were later to name Nova Scotia. It was at Yarmouth they landed; and two mighty boulders, bearing inscriptions in Runic, now may be seen near the town of Yarmouth—lasting evidence of that daring adventure made near one thousand years ago.

And then came those intrepid adventures from France, De Monts and



Partridge Island, Parrsboro, N.S.

Champlain in 1604; Charles de la Tour and his Huguenot wife—"a woman, who by her gentle breeding and beauty, her heroism and her misfortunes, was destined to win the most romantic immortality in our history." Left in charge of her husband's fort, she inspired her noble band of followers, was overcome by intrigue alone when attacked by her husband's rival; and died of a broken heart after being forced to watch her followers hung while she stood with a halter around her neck.

The Acadian farmers flourished in this land until 1755 when they were expelled by the English, and only the ugly scars of their cellars told of the farm houses which had once been there. Six years later came families from New England, adventurous, indomitable and hardy pioneers, it was

their descendants who later built hundreds of the fastest sailing ships sailed them to the seven seas and built up mighty fortunes which now show themselves in magnificent residences set in beautiful surroundings of lawns, hedges and trees.

But the Acadians returned; and to-day for miles the neat villages of their descendants skirt the shores of Fundy Bay, from Yarmouth to Digby. The descendants of the Acadians have cultivated the soft marsh lands and fresh water meadows, preserving the simple manners, customs and language of their ancestors.

And here one finds fifty miles of rugged shore, almost coast, forty bustling cities, towns like volcanic centers—higher than the dreams of a mad poet.

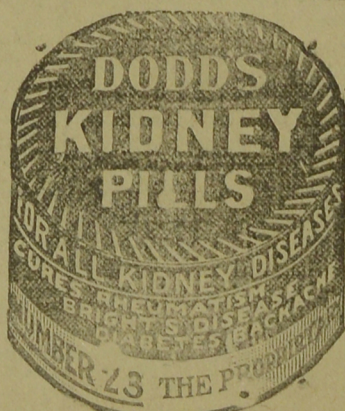


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Our Stock must be reduced fifty per cent. by the beginning of the New Year. Some of our Special Bargains are:

	Regular Price.	Sale Price.
Ladies' Patent Boots . . . . .	\$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50	\$3.75
Ladies' Patent Boots . . . . .	\$3.50, and \$4.00	2.95
Ladies' Dong. Boots . . . . .		2.35
Ladies' Dong. and Gun Metal Low Shoes	\$3, \$3.50	2.35
Ladies' Patent Low Shoes . . . . .	\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4	2.60
Men's Calf Bals . . . . .	\$5.00 and \$5.50	4.25
Men's Gun Metal Boots . . . . .	\$5.50 and \$6.50	4.65
Men's Tan Calf Boots . . . . .	\$6.00 and \$7.00	5.50
Men's Patent Boots . . . . .	\$5.50 and \$6.00	4.00
Men's Tan Patent and Calf Low Shoes,	\$4.50, \$5, \$5.50	3.85

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON ALL OTHER PURCHASES OF FOOTWEAR.

Would ask our patrons not to ask for coupons, as we are discontinuing giving same. We will, however, continue until January 15th, 1918, to redeem all outstanding coupons.

## McKAY & CO.

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## WOOD FOR SALE

I have just received a carload of dry spruce lath edgings. Will be delivered for \$4.75 per Cord. Order quickly.  
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## TEA AND SALE

The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Church are having a sale of useful and fancy articles at the residence of Mr. H. S. Campbell, 145 George Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at 3.30 o'clock. Tickets 25c., which include afternoon tea at Mrs. G. W. Hodge's.