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QUEBEC AND THE WAR.

Nobody, we hope, will accuse the Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) of disloyalty. But we may run some risk at having the charge hurled at us when we quote what he said in an address before the Kiwanis Club at Winnipeg the other day in reference to the province of Quebec. People are more or less dissatisfied with the way the men of that province have responded to the call to arms. However, Major Gordon puts in a plea for Quebec that is worth repeating. He said:

"I am thinking of Quebec more than of the Germans and Austrians here. Those have no such place in our history as the French. The French-Canadian was the only Canadian for two hundred years. The French people are here by right. I have heard men say that this is an English-speaking country. Who said so? It is not an English-speaking country; it is an English and French speaking country. The French are a great fact; the Roman Catholic Church is a great fact, and you cannot get away from them by trying to forget or to obliterate them. You hear wild talk about Quebec, but those people are as much Canadian as the Scottish, and you cannot say any more than that. They are here by as much right as any of us. Canada's destiny cannot be settled by the thought of English-speaking people; side by side with it must be the men who speak the language of the chivalrous and splendid race who are our Allies today. There have been great mistakes in the way that Quebec has been handled. When war broke out the first scenes were full of promise that Quebec would be full of fire. What cursed thing came across our sky and so changed that promise? We all can see some of the mistakes that have been made. We cannot solve this problem and do our duty in Canada in this war unless we secure French-Canada heart and soul. Take that into your hearts and listen to no man who will tell you that we can do without Quebec. Let there be anything like civil discord in this crisis and you give aid and comfort to the Germans to the extent of fifteen or twenty divisions of men, for nothing would rejoice the heart of our foe like a division in the ranks of those whom the Germans had come to regard as their fiercest and most ingenious opponents."

True, every word of it. The Kaiser would like nothing better than to hear of disaffection or civil war in Canada. The major was in active service at the front, and those who question his sincerity or loyalty should read what he said about the war.

As a result of the precautions taken by the government of Nova Scotia in compelling the now defunct Canadian Home Investment Company to deposit \$25,000 for the privilege of doing business in that province, claims held by Nova Scotians against the concern will be paid in full. Here in New Brunswick the Flemming outfit was so busily engaged in collecting funds from timber limit owners and Valley Railway contractors that the C. H. I. C. seems to have got by without going through the formality of making a cash deposit. Because of this slackness on the part of a government which used to be called "business like," the people of New Brunswick who invested with the C. H. I. C. stand to lose their money.

The report from Ottawa that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has offered to resign the leadership of the Liberal party, has created quite a sensation throughout the country. The Liberal chief-tain will be 76 years of age next month and it is but natural that he should, at his time of life, feel disposed to shift the burden of leadership to younger shoulders. The Liberal chief-tain conferred with party lieutenants in Ottawa yesterday and he is in Montreal today for the same purpose. Should he make up his mind to retire from the position which he has honored and adorned for thirty years, his successor will likely be Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton.

Lieut. Col. C. C. Balantyne, of Montreal, has joined the Borden cabinet as Minister of Public Works. Hon.

Mr. Balantyne has never taken an active part in politics, but has been looked upon as a Liberal. He is prominently connected with the Canada Cement Company and the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company. Under the Laurier government he served as a member of the Montreal Harbor Commission. It is likely that he will seek election in one of the Montreal seats. Hon. Mr. Balantyne is the first English speaking Protestant from Quebec to hold a portfolio in the Borden cabinet.

Regina Leader. The Toronto Telegram, Conservative, says the war time election is to be fought on the country's opinion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We thought the election was to be fought on the whole issue of winning the war by every possible means, the general record of the government and opposition, and on the broad issue of pure administration and the good government of the country. The Tory conception of the issue is not so high as ours. With them the only issue is the defeat of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review. Sir Joseph Flavelle, as a patriotic citizen, should not wait to have his resignation demanded of him. He should be able to see that the best service he can render his country at the present time is to resign. Whether he be guilty or innocent of the charges of profiteering preferred against him, the fact remains that for the present at least his usefulness is gone. His continued presence as a trusted servant of the country is a check upon real service; it tends to make a mockery of sacrifice; it is an embarrassment to the government.

The Independent Ottawa Citizen condemns the Borden government in this manner: "The government stands condemned during that three years of failing to give the lead in any single measure towards democratic national service in the place of private profit-making out of the war. It is only necessary to mention the government's refusal to set up national projectile factories, or to take any step towards putting the munitions industry on a basis of production for use instead of for profit."

London Advertiser: The franchise for female relatives of fighting men is clearly a bribe. The government has good reason to fear the sentiments of these women, and hopes by special favor to turn their anger into support. But they will not forget the Allison incident, the shoe scandal, the cold shoulder given to many a returned soldier in the matter of appointments, the dirty work of pull, the advantages allowed to wealth, and the murder of our own men through retention of an unsuitable rifle.

Through Our Sieve

Kaiser Bill seems to be a double-yolked egotist.

Russia appears to offer great opportunities of happiness to pessimists.

Our wife is our best critic, and our wife's relations are our most active.

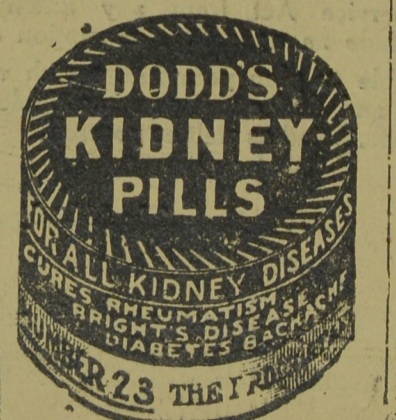
The battle of Menin road is on, and the Tommies are keeping their talcum powder dry.

Rupprecht's men find nothing poetical in "flashes of dawn." They pre-engage another British drive.

Every now and then you will meet a man who is kept poor because he spends all his money to keep people from finding out that he is.

By marrying a bachelor a girl does a noble work in rescuing him from the temptation to waste all his thoughts, time, money and admiration on himself.

King David foresaw some of this German diplomacy. He noted in his haste once that all men were liars, but in his leisure he might have confined the observation to the Potsdammers and have hit very close to the truth.

CAPT. OSBORNE
KILLED IN FIGHT
WITH THE HUNS

Letter From Lieut. Goodeve, R. F. C., to Bereaved Parents Gives Details of His Death.

Major W. J. Osborne and Mrs. Osborne have received a letter from Lieut. Stewart M. Goodeve, R. F. C., giving particulars of the death of their son Capt. Hubert P. Osborne which occurred in France on July 7th last while he was in action with the Royal Flying Corps. Lieut. Goodeve writes that Capt. Osborne's machine was attacked by four German scouts on his second trip over the German lines. The pilot George Leckie, the oldest and most experienced of the 21st Squadron, R. F. C., was killed by machine-gun fire. Capt. Osborne made a successful effort to get control of the airplane but was shot through the heart immediately afterward and the machine fell in rear of the British lines. Both officers were buried near Ypres.

A letter of sympathy from Major C. G. Pincombe late of the 104th New Brunswick Battalion and now area officer at Beaumont-Les-Loges, also has been received.

Lt. S. M. Goodeve
Letter from Lieut. Stewart M. Goodeve, 21st Squadron, R. F. C., France, September 13th, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Osborne:—
I received your kind letter this morning, and regret very much that you have received neither of my previous letters telling you of Hubert, but am thankful that the parcels arrived safely. I was also in the 63rd Squadron with Hubert, for nine weeks and there we became fast friends. Both of us fully expected to go to Mesopotamia, but unfortunately all the Canadians were transferred to the 58th Squadron. At that time we were the only Canadians in this camp and naturally became even firmer friends than ever before. On his second trip over the line his machine was attacked by four German Scouts, and unfortunately both he and his pilot were killed. Neither was disfigured in any way, both having apparently been killed instantly by machine gun bullets, your son being shot through the heart. According to eye-witnesses the pilot was hit first, and when the machine dived, Hubert made a noble effort to control it, succeeding at first but then he too was stuck. It fell some distance behind our lines, and both boys were buried near Ypres.

Even in the few days your boy was with the Squadron, he became very popular and won the hearts of all by his open frankness and his consideration for others. Believe me, we all miss him terribly, and his friends here wish me to send you their deepest sympathy. Hubert died as we know he would wish to—doing his duty splendidly. He was considered one of the best by all his pals and acquaintances. His pilot, George Leckie, was the oldest and most experienced pilot here and also the most popular. Believe me, their graves are having all possible care. Major Gould has had crosses made from a propeller and these will be placed on the graves tomorrow. I will endeavor to find out and send you the exact location of Hubert's grave and also a photograph if possible.

May God comfort you and Major Osborne in your sorrow.

Yours very sincerely,
Stewart M. Goodeve.

Major C. G. Pincombe
Letter received from Major C. G. Pincombe, Area Officer, Beaumont-Les-Loges, France, 27th Aug. 1917.

My Dear Major Osborne:—

Yesterday I was officially informed of the death of dear young Hubert in the enquiry respecting his kit. I directed them to make enquiries Hubert was a handsome young fellow, and an officer of very great promise, indeed, so much so, that I at once made him Adjutant of our detachment at Fredericton, and specially recommended him for Captain and second in command, regardless of the question of seniority. I never regretted my choice. He was a splendid student, and most thorough and conscientious in the performance of his duties, that I never had any anxiety when I was called away to address meetings, but reposed the greatest confidence in him. He and I became bosom friends and confidants. He was one of the best and most popular with all ranks. I regard his death in action as a distinct loss to the service. May I in this hour of bereavement offer you and your dear wife, and family my heartfelt sympathy, and remain,

Yours sincerely,
Charles G. Pincombe.

Miss Aileen Felder of Atlanta, Ga., is probably the only American girl who has an aeroplane "somewhere in France" named for her. The aeroplane is being operated by her soldier

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