

EVANGELINE'S LAND TO HAVE A SHRINE



A giant of the orchard in full bloom, The fisherman doing his bit.

A new Mecca is beckoning to devotees of art and religion. Its name is Nova Scotia. Already the artists have made their pilgrimage and returned with charming pictures of Evangeline's Land. A collection of sixty paintings, the work of six New York men, known as the Nova Scotia Group, were exhibited recently in New York and elicited much praise.

The pioneers of Nova Scotia have blazed a trail over which a brush and palette laden army will follow in seasons to come. They will come to paint the gentle beauty of apple blossoms when the great Annapolis Valley is covered with a fragrant pink and white veil. They will come in cherry time to paint the rich red fruit and the happy people enjoying the Cherry Festival, a time honored custom. They will come in autumn to transfer to canvas the mad riot of brilliant coloring with which Nature paints the woods and hillsides and when the orchards groan beneath

their heavy burdened boughs of ripened apples. They will come at all seasons to picture the quaint fisherfolk and their quaint surroundings.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway that swings you around a half-circle from Halifax to Yarmouth, takes you through a Land of Romance, the Land of Evangeline. At the little station of Grand Pre you will find a wide meadow which is soon to be transformed into a shrine. Here, previous to 1775, stood the Roman Catholic Church of St. Charles, the church of the Acadians. To-day a massive stone cross marks the site of the old burying ground that surrounded the church and nearby is Evangeline's Well, with its long sweep.

The French Acadians have always cherished a reverence for this spot and now through the generosity of the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company they may call it their own.

Memorial Park, Grand Pre, N.S.

The railway company has purchased this meadow and will make it into an old-fashioned garden surrounded with a rustic fence and has deeded a portion of the ground to the Societe L'Assomption, composed of French Acadians, of whom the Rev. C. V. Landry of Butoche, N.B., is President. The only consideration for this transfer is the promise of the Societe to erect a chapel. They they are eager to do and plans are now under consideration.

With the dedication of the new shrine, large numbers of French Acadians from Quebec, Montreal and Upper Canadian points, will make pilgrimages to Grand Pre similar to those made yearly to Ste. Anne de Beauspre. Their numbers will be swelled by many others who cherish a fondness for the gentle Evangeline and who will be eager to visit the scene of her story and to walk under the ancient willows that still guard this storied spot.

HON. DR. BELAND HEARTILY WELCOMED BY CONSTITUENTS

Former Post Master General Reached Home on Sunday --- Greeted by Thousands of People--- Was in Belgium When the War Broke Out and Was Held Prisoner for Three Years--- Urges the People to Do Their Duty

St. Joseph de Beauce, Que., Aug. 5.—

Home! As Dr. Henri Beland stepped from his car to the station platform yesterday afternoon the first ray of sunlight which revealed to him a kaleidoscope of swaying, cheering and yet half sobbing welcoming people, swept from his mind for a moment the living, searing memory of three years in a German prison—three years of untold mental agony—and replaced it with a vision of actuality—home!

From Levis, where the doctor had been welcomed with bands and cheering crowds, to St. Joseph, the road was lined with hooting automobiles, and the train clanked along the track to the accompaniment of their hoarse but hearty greeting, until St. Joseph de Beauce was reached.

Accompanied by his daughter, Miss Jeanne, who also knows the grip of the Hun, Dr. Beland was conducted straight to the church, where on the Sabbath afternoon, amidst a sea of thankful people, he and they gave thanks for this day.

Canon Halle, of Quebec, gave the address, pointing out that the release of Dr. Beland was in large measure rendered possible through the insistence of the Vatican, through the offices of which the civil prisoner exchange was arranged between Britain and Germany.

"Do Your Duty," is Message.

Scarcely breathing space was obtainable on the ground about the church in the evening, when Dr. Beland was the recipient of an address of welcome presented by Mayor Ferron. Cheer after cheer rent the air as the mayor conveyed some 6,000 odd good wishes in one, and when Dr. Beland rose to reply the scene was as affecting as it was noisy.

Calmy waiting for the cheering to subside, the doctor spoke, and his low, clear voice reached every man present. "Do your duty." The words came strong and emphatically. "Do your duty. The kind sympathy which you have shown for me, extend to the gallant soldiers who are fighting for a devastated country, devastated because they stood for justice and liberty. Do your duty and you will be happy. Nobody can reproach you then, and you will receive the recompense which can only be given in the great beyond."

Tells of Past Four Years.

He expressed his gratitude to the electors of Beauce for their confidence which helped him in no small measure to bear the pains of imprisonment.

Said the doctor, amid cheers, "When I was in Belgium at the outset of the war, helping in my professional capacity to alleviate the suffering of the wounded. I know that the good citizens of Beauce would have counselled me to remain there and do my duty."

Dr. Beland gave a graphic description of affairs in Belgium and stated that Cardinal Mercier was a real hero. He told how he was at first guaranteed immunity because of being a doctor and aiding in surgical work, but later sent to prison by the Huns.

"Prison is painful," he said, "but exile is terrible. I would not wish it on my bitterest enemy. I ask you to accord your sympathy and support to the brave lads who are giving their lives in defence of justice and liberty and honor amongst nations."

The speaker told of his meeting French-Canadian soldiers in France and England, and paid a high tribute to their efficiency, comparing them as even superior to Prussian regiments he had seen. He met Sir Lomer Gouin's son at the head of a detachment and also had the good fortune to speak with seven or eight Beauce soldiers and carried home messages from them to their families.

He cannot understand how the services of the French-Canadians are not appreciated in certain parts of the country, and stated that the fighting of the 22nd French-Canadians at Courcellette is recognized as one of

the greatest exploits of the war.

Allies Must Win

"Victory for the Allies is essential and we must do what we can to help out. Animosity amongst different classes of Canadians must disappear and the confederation created by Sir John A. MacDonald and Sir George Etienne Cartier must be preserved" said he. "Do your duty and you will be happy. Who then can reproach you? And you will receive the great recompense which can only be obtained in the great Beyond." The soldiers who give their lives in this cause are not only performing acts of heroism, but they do more, they are doing an act of religion.

Dr. Beland concluded by quoting Victor Hugo's famous utterance about those who die piously for their country and again took the opportunity to thank all for their demonstration of affection.

Despite the fact that he has lost some 20 pounds in weight since his imprisonment, Dr. Beland looks well, though considerably aged. His daughter, Jeannette, also does not show physically the trials she has undergone. She was met by her fiancé, Mr. Mathieu, whom she had not seen for over four years. Miss Beland was showered with bouquets of flowers on several occasions. Dr. Beland, from here will go to Louisville, Que., there to visit his aged mother, whose sole fear, Dr. Beland, says, was that she would die before seeing her son again.

Dr. Beland's Story

Dr. Henri Severin Beland, former Postmaster-General of Canada, was in August, 1914, living in the Belgian village of Capellan, having then recently married a Belgian lady, a widow.

When the war broke out, the three doctors in the village having fled, Dr. Beland decided to remain and look after the people, confident that his work as physician would secure him immunity under Red Cross regulations. For some months he retained his liberty, going freely about among the people. In May, 1915, after the Lusitania outrage, he was told that he was wanted in the offices of the police magistrate at Antwerp. On arriving there he was informed that orders had come from Berlin that he was to be interned, but he would be treated as a prisoner d'honneur, and kept in a room in the Grand Hotel. Here for four days he remained in a room, with an armed sentry at his door, his wife being allowed to stay with him. He was then sent to Berlin and placed in the Stadt Vogtei Prison. On account of his position, he was allowed a corner cell to himself, and he preferred to remain there, rather than be sent to Ruhleben.

He repeatedly claimed his release writing letter after letter to the German authorities stating that as he was a physician they had no right to detain him. "But we hold other views," one German official told him. He was a politician; they wanted to barter for him. Dr. Beland acted as physician among other prisoners. He and his companions were at first allowed to buy food from Wertheim's and Tietz's and other stores in Berlin. He was allowed books.

At the end of a year an official came with word that he was to be released and sent back to Belgium. The next day they had a great feast to celebrate the event. The doctor was allowed to go to Berlin under escort to buy clothes. When he got out he was dazed with the sight of the free world. He had to return within two hours. Then for days he waited for the hour of his release. It was postponed again and again. At last an official came to him with word that the order had been countermanded by higher authorities. For a year after that Dr. Beland never left the prison walls, never even went into the yard. Things got worse. The permission to buy food from outside was withdrawn, and for three months he lived on the prison fare.

Wife Dying, Refused Leave

Word came that his wife was very ill, dying in their home in Belgium. He implored permission to visit her under any conditions. The territory where she was dying was under German rule. There could be no risk. But the request was refused. He never saw her again. Of all the things he experienced, this is the only one which

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rankles in the doctors' soul.

He seemed to make friends with every one, with a jockey and men of affairs who first shared his cell, even with his gaolers. He knew no German at the start, but he began to study it, and a German officer came to talk with him each day.

Dr. Beland says that in spite of distress the spirit of the Germans when he left was one of confidence in victory. There were many evidences of shortage of food, and there was so far as he could learn much more distress in Berlin than in the country.

Dr. Beland has two stepsons. One has been fighting since the beginning of the war, and is now a lieutenant in the Belgian army. The second son passed from Belgium into Holland through the electric wire at the risk of his life to join the army.

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