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REBUILDING HALIFAX.

A monthly bulletin dealing with questions of public health is issued by the Commission of Conservation at Ottawa. The January number contains the preliminary report of Mr. Thomas Adams, who was instructed to investigate the reconstruction needs of Halifax. Some interesting figures relating to the extent of the disaster are given. In all, 794 dwelling houses were completely destroyed, 337 partially destroyed, and 394 damaged to an extent of from 15 to 30 per cent. of their value. Nine thousand people are homeless. The accommodation of these people imposes a double task on the community. Temporary buildings must be provided immediately, and in time these must be replaced by permanent structures.

Mr. Adams recommends the establishment of a rebuilding commission, representative of the Federal, provincial and civic governments, to prepare a plan of development. The duty of such a Commission would be (1) to improve the railway facilities so as to serve the industrial development of the city; (2) to establish industrial sites in proximity to the harbor and to the railway lines; (3) to regrade streets in the northern districts, and provide for linking up the water mains and sewers so as to ensure a minimum loss to the city. The plan is admirable. Halifax should not be permitted merely to "grow up" in a haphazard way; there should be a central bureau of control for the reconstruction.

There is a whole lot of common sense in the following paragraph from the Toronto Saturday Night: "And while on this subject of the cost of living, let it be emphatically pointed out that the food controller could do something to help matters by inducing the Minister of Finance to rescind the duties on canned goods. Too long have Canadian consumers and producers been at the mercy of the canners' trust. Today canned goods are selling at a lower rate in American cities than in Canada—and the margin goes to the canners' trust. It is a grievance that could be rectified without serious loss of revenue to the government, and still assure a legitimate profit to the Canadian canner."

The Montreal Journal of Commerce, in commenting on the recent Federal order-in-council controlling all bond issues in Canada, and the protests of the provinces against it on legal and constitutional grounds, says: "It is a pity that the matter has to be considered from a strictly legal standpoint. It would have been wiser if, before adopting the order purporting to restrict the freedom of the Provincial governments and municipalities subordinate to them, the Ottawa government had put itself in communication with the provincial authorities and sought their co-operation and support in a measure that evidently was designed for a good purpose." Sir Thos. White would do well to follow the advice of his predecessor in office and avoid getting "in wrong."

The Council of the Board of Trade last evening decided to support the Agricultural Society in efforts to secure a government grant in aid of an exhibition this year. There are many business men and farmers who believe that a first class exhibition next fall would do considerable to stimulate interest in the greater production campaign, and it is not an unreasonable view to take of the matter. Fredericton has put on many successful shows in the past, and it stands ready to do the trick this year if the necessary financial assistance can be procured.

The daylight saving scheme has many devotees, but the only way that the plan can be carried out successfully is to have the Dominion Parliament enact a law making it compulsory and universal. Last session the question came before Parliament, but was not treated in a very serious manner. Whether or not it would meet with different treatment this year is a matter for conjecture.

Col. Repington of the London Times, recognized as the ablest military critic in England, has resigned his position. The Times and other Northcliffe papers have recently been criticizing the general staff, and it is inferred that Col. Repington disapproved of this policy.

Montreal Gazette: A Dawson despatch reports that the temperature dropped to 86 below zero at Pelly and to 72 below at White Horse. The hardy inhabitants up there have the sympathy of the folks down here, who have been shivering under a temperature of from 20 to 25 degrees below the zero mark.

Through Our Sieve

Wonder what a good T-steak costs in Jerusalem today?

You can always count 50-50 on those German-Russian negotiations. Either they are on or they are off.

One cause for satisfaction is that the kind of weather we're having is not pneumonia kind.

Cornbread is said to be good for the complexion. Save your complexion and win the war.

A dingonek has been found in Victoria Nyanza. This may be the African variety of roughneck.

Before it became the custom to print pictures of girls in the papers they didn't powder their noses so much?

A noted doctor has written a book, "How to Rest." It doesn't interest us—we don't hold any public office.

We can't say whether a ball of yarn that gets tangled has that feeling of being all balled up.

So far there is no evidence that the farmers have seen the possibilities of buying oleo and palming it off as the real extract of bovine.

A New York woman ate a love letter rather than let anybody see it. But it's not often a woman swallows the stuff in love letters.

Some sort of Chicago benevolent society is looking for the meanest boy in the country to reclaim. Most any of the neighbors can point him out.

WALKING ON THE EDGE OF A PRECIPICE

London, Jan. 23.—The peace agitation in Austria-Hungary is receiving a great deal of attention from Germany. The socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, of Berlin, emphatically declares the solidarity of the German proletariat with Austrian labor in the peace struggle, and maintains that events must have deep reaction in Germany.

"We have been walking on the edge of a precipice in the last few days," it says, and goes on to demand that the German government resolutely takes its place by the side of its Austrian ally.

"As the fruit of pan-German propaganda," it continues, "we are menaced not only with the wrecking of peace negotiations with Russia, but also with complete political isolation."

DISCONTENT IS SUPPRESSED

London, Jan. 24.—The impression conveyed in today's news despatches from Switzerland and Poland regarding the internal situation in Germany on the eve of Chancellor Von Hertling's expected address before the Reichstag is one of discontent among the masses suppressed by the triumphant hand of the military party.

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HUN RAIDERS ESCAPED, BUT RECAPTURED

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22.—The first details of the escape of Commander Von Luckner and several members of the crew of the German raider Sea Adder from Motuihi island, and the subsequent recapture of the entire party off the Kermado islands, were learned here with the arrival of a passenger liner from Australia. Commander Von Luckner and ten German prisoners of war made their escape from Motuihi island during the night of Dec. 13th in the launch Pearl.

From the launch the party boarded and took charge of the sailing craft Moa, which was riding in the Bay of Plenty, and in her they sailed away from the New Zealand coast. They were recaptured eight days later, on December 21, while sailing in the vicinity of the Kermadec island, by an armed vessel controlled by the New Zealand government, and taken back to the internment camp at Auckland.

RED CROSS HEARD FINE ADDRESS

On Tuesday evening the local branch of the Ashburnham Chapter of the Red Cross Society met in their rooms in the new post office building to hear Mrs. Percy Godenrath, who had been a nursing sister in France, speak on what the Red Cross is doing in this great war.

The Countess of Ashburnham was chairwoman of the meeting, and as usual in all public affairs, filled the office well. Mrs. Godenrath spoke of the good work the V.A.D. is doing in this war and alluded to what the United States is doing in the great drive to secure 30,000,000 members, knowing they cannot have a perfect war machine without a sufficient Red Cross Society. They are benefiting by our mistakes, while we even at this stage have only an occasional member here and there.

Mrs. Godenrath had many war souvenirs which she showed. The Earl of Ashburnham moved a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mr. A. Ashford, a returned soldier. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Late Mrs. Frederic A. Johnson.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frederic A. Johnson took place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMurtrie, 641 Union street. After a service of prayer at the house the body was conveyed to Christchurch Cathedral where service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bate assisted by Rev. Canon Cowie. The hymns Peace Perfect Peace and Hush! Blessed Are the Dead, were sung by the choir under the direction of Prof. W. J. Smith. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. D. F. Cameron, Harold Limerick, G. R. Sinnott, George Ferguson of the post office staff. The mourners were: Mr. Frederic A. Johnson, Mr. Robert McMurtrie, Capt. F. W. Johnson, Mr. Robert Haslett, Mr. Henry McMurtrie, Mr. Andrew McMurtrie, Sr., Mr. Andrew McMurtrie, Jr., Mr. John McMurtrie, Mr. John Horncastle. There were many beautiful floral tributes including the following: Pillow, husband; broken circle, family; flat bouquet, Ronald, Margaret and Douglas Guthrie; cross, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson and Miss Hilda Johnson; basket, Miss E. Nicholson; wreath, post office staff; wreath, Cathedral choir; basket, Mrs. Eva Rutter, Mrs. Edna Staples, Miss Gertrude Smith, Miss Ida Capen; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. John McMurtrie; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McMurtrie; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. B. Griffith; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. Tingley; cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Horton, Misses Agnes and Nan Horncastle, Miss Mabel McKel, Mrs. Murchie and family, Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Alex. Fleming; cut flowers, Capt. and Mrs. Percy Godenrath; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Holder.

At the county fair held in the town hall in Barret, Vt., the janitor being unable to get any wood, each one who attended was asked to contribute a few sticks.

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VILLARS-WELCH WEDDING

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch, Woodstock Road, at 7.30 last evening, when their eldest daughter, Elizabeth J., was united in marriage to Private Harry P. Villars of the 140th Battalion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. M. Young in the presence of a few friends. The bride looked charming in a dress of white silk gloriole draped with Georgette crepe. The ceremony was performed under an arch made of the Union Jack coupled with the Stars and Stripes. The parlor and dining room were decorated with flags for the occasion. The happy couple left on the early morning train for St. John and other places on a short honeymoon, after which they will reside for a short time on Woodstock Road. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents, as follows:

Parlor suite, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch; sister Helen, pickle dish; sister Jean, salt and pepper shaker; parlor lamp, Charles, Bessie and Grace Quartermain; berry set, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes; fancy vase, Mr. and Mrs. H. Atherton; half dozen silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham; half dozen silver teaspoons, Mrs. Abel Clowater; fruit dish, Bessie Smith, Houlton; tray set, Stella Dyer; half dozen silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Smith; bonbon dish, Mrs. S. Atherton; pair towels, Mrs. Macintire; pillow shams, Jennie Troup; pair towels, Leila Bubar; dozen napkins, Mrs. S. Bubar; embroidered towel, Helen Sharp; cheque, Mr. Sharp; and Mildred Sharp; hand embroidered towel, Mrs. J. D. Fowler; pair runners, Mrs. W. Burnham; pair towels, Annie Seymour and Maggie Billings; toilet set, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Treadwell; rocker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Titus. The groom's present to the bride was a gold wrist watch.

Out of town guests were Mrs. S. Bubar and daughter of Houlton, and Mr. Clowater of Chatham.

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