

EDWARD THE PEACEMAKER

I.

Who in the realm today lays down
Dear life for the sake of a land more dear?
And, unconcerned for his own estate,
Tolls till the last grudging sands have run?
Let him approach. It is proven here
Our King asks nothing of any man
More than our King himself has done.

II.

For to him, above all, was life good, above all he commanded
Her abundance full-handed.
The peculiar treasure of kings was his for the taking,
All that men came to in dreams he inherited waking.

III.

His marvel of world-gathered armies—one heart and all races—
His seas 'neath his keels when his war-castles foamed to their places,
The thundering foreshores that answered his heralded landing,
The huge lighted cities adoring, the assemblies upstanding,
The councils of kings called in haste to learn how he was minded—
The kingdoms, the powers, and the glories, he dealt with, unblinded.

IV.

To him all captains of men, all achievers of glory;
Hot from the press of their battles they told him their story.
They revealed him a life in an hour, and saluting, departed.
Joyful to labor afresh; he had made them new-hearted.
And since he weighted men from his youth, and no lie long deceived him
He spoke and exacted the truth, and the basest believed him.

V.

And God poured him an exquisite wine, that was daily renewed to him,
In the clear welding love of his peoples that daily accrued to him.
Honor and service we gave him, rejoicing, fearless;
Faith absolute, trust beyond speech, and a friendship as peerless,
And since he was master and servant of all that we asked him,
We leaned hard on his wisdom in all things, knowing not how we taxed him.

VI.

For on him each new day laid command, every tyrannous hour,
To confront, or confirm, or make smooth some dread issue of power;
To deliver true judgment aright at the instant, unaided,
In the strict, level, ultimate phrase that allowed or dissuaded.
To foresee, to allay, to avert from us perils unnumbered.
To stand guard on our gates when he guessed that our watchmen had
slumbered.

To win time, to turn hate, to woo folly to service, and, mightily school-
ing,
His strength to the use of his nations, to rule as not ruling,
These were the words of our King, earth's peace is the proud of them.
God gave him great work to fulfil, and to us the behoof of them.

VII.

We accepted his toil as our right—none spared, none excused him.
When he was bowed by his burdens his rest was refused him.
We troubled his age with our weakness—the blacker our shame to us.
He heard that the people had need of him; straightway he came to us.
As he received so he gave nothing grudging, naught denying.
Not even the last gasp of his breath when he strove for us, dying.
For our sakes, without question, he put from him all that he cherished.
Simply as any that serve him, he served—and he perished.
All that Kings covert was his, and he flung it aside for us,
Simply as any that died in his service he died for us.

VIII.

Who in the realm today has choice
Of the easy road or the hard to tread?
And, much concerned for his own estate,
Would sell his soul to remain in the sun;
Let him depart, nor look on our dead,
Our King asks nothing of any man
More than our King himself has done.

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RUNS IN FAMILY.

"You will have to let me off for a
day or two in April, Ma'am."
"Why, Nora, what for?"
"I must be sick a bit, ma'am."
"Sick, Nora?"

"Sure, ma'am. I'm th' grandmoth-
er of an office boy who wants to git
off an' see th' openin' ball game,
ma'am."

DIFFERENT VIEW POINTS.

He (thinking of the sermon):
"Quite a novel treatment, eh?"
She (thinking of the hat in front):
"Yes; but too glaring a bargain
don't you think?"

"Are you a recent arrival in this
town?"
"Sir, I am indigenous."
"Oh, well, no harm meant. I did
not particularly want to know."

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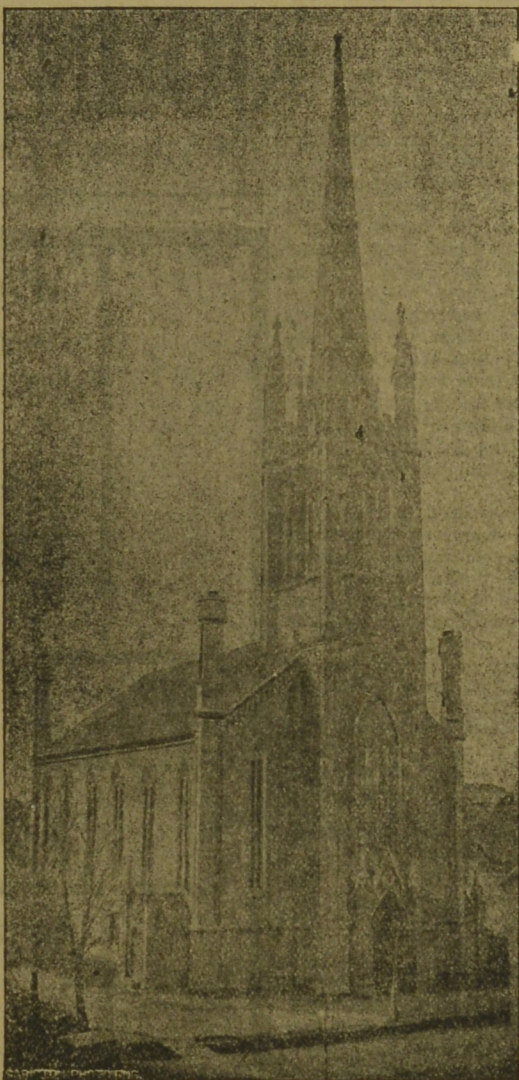
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ONTARIO TOWN SWEEP
BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Carleton Place, Ont., May 19—Fire which started in McGonigle's butcher shop, Bridge Street, shortly after midnight, from a cause unknown, and which was fanned by a strong south-westerly breeze, rapidly spread, and is still burning fiercely. The damage thus far, is estimated at fully \$2,000,000. The best business section of the town is in ashes, the finest residential district has been gutted and the handsome Zion Presbyterian Church, recently renovated at a cost of \$20,000, is burned to the ground. No lives were lost.

The disaster descended unexpectedly on the town, everything being peace and quietness at the early hour of the morning when the alarm was turned in.

SCENES OF DESOLATION

Carleton Place today presents a desolate spectacle, indeed. The streets are crowded with spectators. It is raining heavily and with dismal smoking ruins in almost all directions and linemen in many parts of the town trying to get dismantled wires up, the scenes are most unusual. The fire was the worst this town has experienced since \$200,000 worth of lumber belonging to the MacLarens was destroyed here some twenty-five years ago.

Starting at Albert street, right in the heart of the town's business section, the flames were swept northward by a heavy breeze. The fire broke out shortly after midnight, and illuminated the heavens for miles around. It was as light as day and there was great excitement. Spreading northward the angry flames at-

tacked all buildings in its progress. One block they wiped up entirely, burning to ashes big frame structures and leaving only the smouldering ruins of brick and stone places of business. The flying embers even crossed the Mississippi River and attacked a house on the far side. It was occupied by a farmer and he was able to save his residence, although the out-buildings all went up in smoke.

THOUGHT IT WAS COMET

In several cases people who resided at a little distance from the fire awoke an hour or so after the blaze and looking out of windows and seeing the heavens in all directions alight shouted, "It is the comet." "It looks as if the end of the world had come."

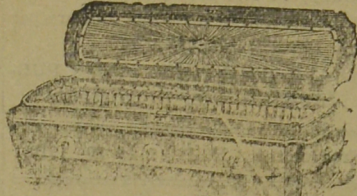
Four young ladies in one house were so terrified that they ran to the front door crying, "Fire! Fire!" Eight streams of water from Carleton Place and two supplied by the Almonte brigade did what they could, but a fire of such magnitude could not be checked and it burned for three or four hours, until it reached the vicinity of the river or territory where there was nothing left to burn.

TOWN FOUGHT THE FIRE

In scores of places, big embers landed on buildings and in these cases the firemen did specially valiant services, and hundreds of people climbed on roofs and used pails of water. Blankets and clothing soaked in water, which they spread out, and other means to try and stop the spread of the fire. The entire town fought the fire and as soon as it was

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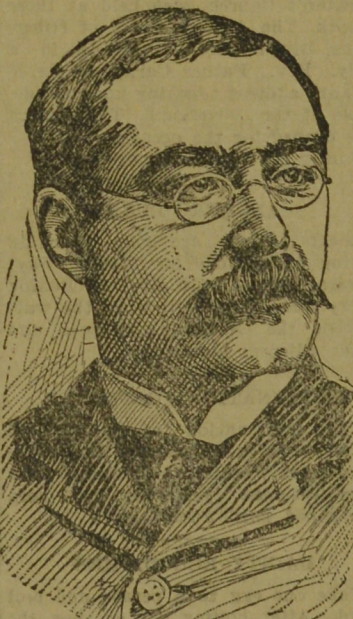
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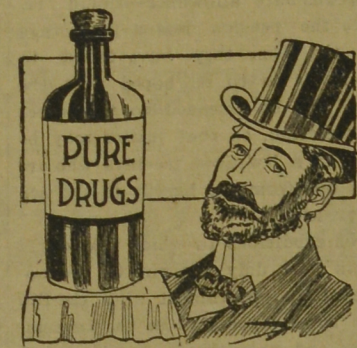
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