

## WOULD GLADLY MAKE CANADA A BIG LOAN

New York, Dec. 18.—The Wall Street Journal says today:

The Canadian minister of finance declares that the Dominion must borrow \$100,000,000 a year until the war is over. Ordinarily the Dominion would have no trouble at all in securing the money in London and may have no great difficulty as soon as the British war loan is absorbed. The Dominion has responded loyally, enthusiastically even, to the call for troops; England, with the big loan of the Dominion government out of the way, would undoubtedly assist their economy gladly.

But bankers and other thoughtful students of trade in this country will be disappointed if Canada is obliged to resort to the London market. They would much prefer to have the Canadian loans floated here. If there were no objection from Washington, a Canadian government offering would be assured of a hearty reception in this city. Sentiment would, of course, play its part in the welcome, pro-Canadian feeling being even more pronounced than is the pro-British.

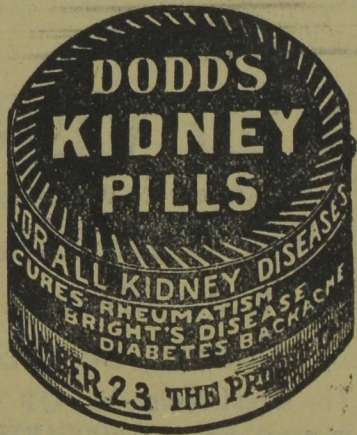
But sentiment apart, the offering of a Canadian loan here would be received heartily for pure business and commercial reasons, as emphasizing the cordial relations between this country and one of its best customers, as tending to even more intimate commercial association in the future and supplying that customer with funds useable for improvement of its own business and for purchases in the States.

The new relations established with South America countries are experimental; there is nothing risky in promoting trade with the British procession in North America.

Bankers who have considered the proposition are inclined to believe that Washington would object to the flotation of a Canadian loan here. The matter may be arranged for all that. In various ways credits to the order of the Dominion might be established and it would be easier still, without any subterfuge whatever, to make arrangements through Dominion banks which would have all the effect

of assistance in Canadian government financing. Undoubtedly a transaction of entire neutrality can be carried through if the Dominion government or Dominion bankers so desire.

The British government loan has been subscribed, but payments on it have only begun. On Monday the first of nine ten per cent. payments is due, calling for \$175,000,000 each. Foreign purchases of stocks cannot be expected in the New York market in any large amounts before then. A point of prime market interest is the amount of Americans that may be offered for sale by subscribers to the loan. The last ten per cent. payment is due April 26th, 1915.



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## REDCAR CITIZENS SAW HARTLEPOOL SHELLED

London, Dec. 20.—That thousands of people witnessed the shelling of Hartlepool from the town of Redcar, situated just across the Tees Bay, is reported in despatches from the latter place. According to these reports, several German ships were engaged in the operation and the fort to the north of the mouth of the River Tees replied to them. Redcar reports also the belief that British ships engaged the hostile vessels.

### HARTLEPOOL IS UNFORTIFIED.

Hartlepool is a seaport and municipal borough of England in the south-east portion of the county of Durham. It is about forty miles northwest of Scarborough on a promontory that extends into the North Sea. Its population is about 25,000. Adjoining Hartlepool is West Hartlepool, a city of more than 65,000 inhabitants.

The Hartlepoons, which are provided with a vast system of docks, before the war had an active trade with the Baltic ports and with Hamburg, Antwerp and Rotterdam. The chief industries are shipbuilding, iron-founding and the construction of marine engines.

As regards fortifications, Hartlepool has only a small fort at the mouth of the Tees, and offered a tempting prize to an invading fleet.

### TOWN A VERY OLD ONE.

The harbor of Hartlepool, which embraces two tidal basins and six docks, aggregates 83½ acres in extent, in addition to timber docks of 57 acres. There are five graving docks, but the towns are best known for the trade carried on in the export of coal, ships, machinery, iron and other ores, woollens and cottons, and in the import of sugar, timber and ores.

Hartlepool was founded in 640, and was destroyed by the Danes in 860. In 1113 French and Flemish troops landed to help the Scots. In 1523 the fortifications were said to be destroyed and in 1563 it fell into the hands of the northern earls, who maintained a garrison until the rebellion was crushed. During the civil wars Hartlepool was taken by the Scots, who maintained a garrison until 1647.

While the towns are built on the horns of a sheltered bay, the surrounding country is bleak and the coast is low. The town proper lies on a peninsula which forms the termination of a southeastern sweep of the coast and embraces the bay.

This naturally strong position was formerly fortified and part of the ancient walls still remain serving as a promenade. The municipal area embraces Seaton Carew, a seaside resort. Stranton, with a Church of All Saints dating back to the fourteenth century, and Thornton. The parish Church of St. Hilda stands on an eminence above the sea, is of the late Norman and early English style, with a massive tower heavily buttressed. There is also a handsome borough hall in Italian style.

### SCARBOROUGH POPULAR SPA.

Scarborough, situated some thirty-five miles northeast of the city of York, has been popularly styled the "Queen of Watering Places." The

town has a large spa, an interesting aquarium, a museum and a fine drive and promenade pier. The permanent population of the place is more than 40,000 persons. It is wholly unfortified, except for a small battery which is believed to be obsolete. The ruined castle on the cliff, three hundred feet above the sea, together with the Grand Hotel and the tower of the municipal hall, make Scarborough an easy target. One report says that the old castle was shelled during the bombardment.

This town is finely situated on slopes rising from the sea, ending in a promontory surrounded by the ruins of an old castle. Nearby is the old Church of St. Mary, consisting of the nave of an original late-Norman, with the ruins still existing. The most fashionable part of Scarborough is the south side and that portion which lies near the shore of the south bay. It was the discovery of the spa waters in the seventeenth century which began its popularity.

### WHITBY A HISTORIC TOWN.

Redcar, mentioned above, is a watering place across the Tees from Hartlepool. Its range of firm sands, extending from the river mouth for ten miles up the Tees, has made it a popular resort. It is the centre of a busy industrial section and has a population, including the township of Coatham, of about eight thousand.

Whitby is an ancient town of Yorkshire, situated between Scarborough and Hartlepool. The great "Council of Whitby" was held there in 664, in the monastery of Streansbath, which was burned by the Danes in 867. The modern buildings of Whitby include the Town Hall and the Museum. Two piers protect the outer harbor, and at the end of one of these is a lighthouse. Whitby's specialty is the manufacture of jet. The town has a population of twelve thousand.

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### CIVIL SERVANTS MUST KEEP OUT OF CIVIC POLITICS

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The government has decided that civil servants shall not be allowed after next year to take municipal offices as school trustees, aldermen, etc. Experience has shown that many civil servants in cities like Ottawa neglect their office duties in order to dabble in municipal politics. Heads of departments have made repeated protests against the practice, and it has been finally decided to pass an order-in-council prohibiting government employees to run for municipal office, the prohibition to take effect after the coming municipal elections are over.

Owing to the fact that a number of civil servants in Ottawa and elsewhere have already announced their candidacy this month, and the campaign is already well started it was felt that the order should not be enforced at once. It will however, be passed now with a view to giving fair warning for next year.

The order applies to all government employees drawing salaries of over \$500 per year.

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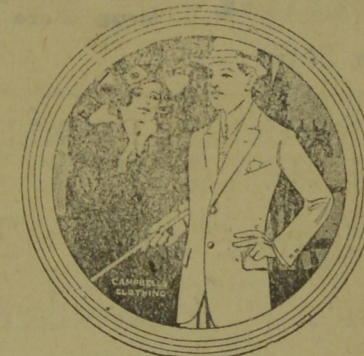
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