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FEARS FOR SAFETY OF HON. DR. BELAND

(Toronto Globe.)

Antwerp's fall, after a heroic defence against German invasion, may signify Canada's first immediate and personal participation in the sacrifice following Britain's aid in the defence of heroic Belgium. It is feared by his friends in Canada that Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, former postmaster general of the Dominion in the Laurier cabinet, who has been in active service in the Army Medical Corps in Belgium since the commencement of the war, is among those who declined to leave the wounded on the capitulation of the city, and remained to become a prisoner of war, if indeed, he has not met a sadder fate.

The French-Canadian statesman was the first Canadian to actively participate in the war. He was in Belgium at the outbreak of hostilities and immediately upon learning of Britain's participation, he volunteered his services to the Belgian Army Medical Corps. In a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the time Hon. Dr. Beland stated his resolve to do his part for Britain and her allies, and, as a surgeon of distinction, his services were gladly accepted by the plucky Belgian defenders and subsequently by the British War Office. It is understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier cabled his hearty congratulations upon the decision of his colleague and lieutenant and that Dr. Beland served in one of the Liege forts during the historic initial defence against the German invasion. On the fall of Liege he made his way to Antwerp, where he was enabled to devote his services directly to the British marines there with the understanding that upon the arrival of the Canadian contingent he should be formally attached to the service of his native Dominion in the world war.

WORKING WITH A WILL.

In a letter written from Antwerp some three weeks ago, and just received by one of his Liberal colleagues in the Canadian parliament, Hon. Dr. Beland bespeaks the conviction of the British and Belgian forces at Antwerp that the Kaiser's armies would turn their forces against that city.

"I have thrown in my lot unreservedly with the British and Belgian forces here," he writes, "deeming it a duty and privilege, as a Canadian, to do whatever my small part may be in this war of righteousness, and am prepared to accept the outcome, whatever it may be."

He intimated his resolve to stay in service with the British marines, no matter what might befall.

Whether Dr. Beland was among the forces which were enabled to make their way to Ostend, whether he was with those who are interned in Holland, or whether he remained with the wounded to meet the German invader is not known. Considerable anxiety is felt by his parliamentary friends of both parties concerning the fate of the popular and patriotic member for Beauce.

UNCIVILIZED ATROCITIES.

In his letter he speaks of the terrible atrocities committed on Belgian women, old men and children by the relentless Teuton soldier.

"Uncivilized and terrible," are the words he used to describe the cruelties committed. He also refers to the contrast furnished by the humane and generous treatment of the German wounded and disabled by British soldiers. Hon. Dr. Beland tells of personally ministering to a wounded German officer, who told him that the confident assurance of the Germans had been that Britain would never dare to interfere on behalf of Belgium notwithstanding her signature to the historic "scrap of paper." The Prussian officer told him that Germany had been assured that India was in a state of ferment, that the overseas dominions, and particularly South Africa, were eager to break the bonds that held them to Britain, and that Ireland would welcome with acclaim the advent of an invading German army.

"I could not help, as a French-Canadian Britisher," writes the heroic Canadian parliamentarian, "feeling a thrill, as he voiced the enemy's disappointment, and paid a tribute—grudgingly, it is true—to the unity and loyalty and strength of our empire in every part of the world."

A man asks concerning a rival, "What has he done?" A woman "What does she look like?"

ONE MAN'S LIFE OUTLAYS

Frenchman Spent \$10,200 on Cigars, and \$5,520 For Drinks

What the average man spends, during his lifetime, on little luxuries and trivial necessities, may seem to him but a matter of small moment. As Canadians, we have been trained to spend judiciously, nevertheless if we were to realize the colossal figures into which our little expenditures run during the course of our respective lives, we might be appalled.

An eccentric personage has just died in a town in the west of France at the age of 77. When he was 18 years of age he began to keep a book of personal expenses. For fifty-two years he jotted down every item.

During this period he smoked 628,713 cigars. Of this number 43,692 were presented to him by friends. For the remaining 581,021 he spent the sum of \$10,200.

He had bought 86 pairs of trousers, which cost him \$460; 75 jackets and waistcoats, for \$330, and 63 pairs of shoes, for \$230. He used 300 shirts and 354 collars, for which he paid \$265. His omnibus and train fares came to \$260. In fifteen years he drank 28,875 bottles and 40,303 small glasses of liqueur, and spent on them \$5,520, plus \$1,245 in tips.

A young barrister was defending an old convict on the charge of burglary and consulted a veteran member of the bar who happened to be standing near.

"How much time do you think I should take up in addressing the jury?" he asked in a rather pompous manner.

"Take as long as you can," was the gruff reply. "The longer you talk the longer you'll keep your client out of jail."

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DOES INDIA HOARD HER YELLOW GOLD?

Many Millions of Precious Metal is Unaccounted For

From time immemorial India has absorbed gold as a sponge absorbs water. The flow of gold to India has always continued. In the last twelve years she has received \$680,000,000 in gold, partly in sovereigns and partly in bullion, in addition to enormous quantities of silver. It all goes into the country, but very little ever comes out. Lord Rothschild observed some years ago that he had noticed that none of the smooth gold bars sent to India from England ever came back. What happens to this great stream of precious metal, which continuously disappears like those rivers in deserts which lose themselves underground?

The testimony of experts is most conflicting. Some say it is hoarded while a few are ready to prove by a formidable array of statistics that it cannot be extensively hoarded. Those who believe that India possesses a vast store of hoarded treasure make the wildest guesses at its probable total. The most popular estimate of the hoarded wealth of India puts the total of \$1,500,000,000, which would amount to five dollars per head of the population; but some credible estimates are far higher. The experts quarrel, again, about the probable effect of India's absorption of gold upon the world's money markets and the prices of commodities. Some say that all gold-using countries benefit thereby, while others, such as Sir Edward Holden, appear to hold that the drain of gold to India is a potential menace. The commission while declining to endorse either of these mutually destructive contentions has declared in effect that an increased use of gold in India should not in future be encouraged by the Government, but India already seems disposed to resent this recommendation. India has been subjected to repeated invasions and innumerable internal wars, and her people have never completely lost their hereditary sense of insecurity. Banking facilities are still sparse, and it would be surprising if Indians did not hoard.

Hoarding does not necessarily mean burying in the ground or concealment in the roofs of houses, though those practices are doubtless extensive. Mr. J. M. Keynes, a member of the commission tells a story of a Brahmin in Eastern Bengal who even hoards currency notes in his roof. Once a week he retires privily and spreads them out in the sun to remove the damp. A very large proportion of the hoarded wealth of India is however, in the form of gold and silver ornaments. It is into these ornaments that the bulk of the bullion and sovereigns, as well as much of the silver disappears.

Business Farming

Farming is always a business, but the average farmer keeps no books. He pays a bill, makes no record of it, loses the receipt, or keeps it in one of a dozen cluttered boxes where it cannot be found.

In order to protect themselves in case of sudden death the wife and children should be made familiar with every detail of the business. There is recorded the case of a rich man who deposited his money in several banks, was killed in an accident, and his family are living in absolute want because they cannot ascertain where the money was banked. Another instance is that of a man who placed thirty thousand dollars in a bank for the assistance of his family, died far away and his folks cannot find where the money is placed. One of my most valued books is a large blank book in which I record every detail of farm work with date of day, month and year. If we begin to plant or sow a piece of ground I put down date, how much seed it took, cost, kind of fertilizer used, name of variety, etc. If a debt is paid, down goes the date, amount paid, what for, and if I got a receipt.

By making the entries each noon or night the books can be so kept up-to-date that an executor can look over the record, stock, and produce books, etc., and see in a few moments how affairs stand; and the farmer himself knows about his work.—C. E. Davis.

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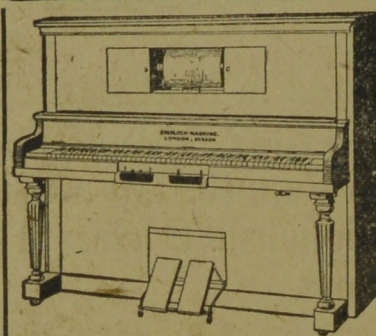
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