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OUR LONDON LETTER

(From Fraser Valley Record)
The following letter was re-
ceived by a resident of Mission
City this week:

"I read your cutting from the Montreal paper. It is like many another I read; but I've had 30 years of newspapers, and I don't believe a hundredth part of what shells (true!) and that we are I read in them. This particular cutting is an interview—quite an Americanism in journalism—and just about as valuable as most Americanisms. The interview can be served up to suit any palate. But like many another dish which is all right when hot, it won't stand cold analysis. You ask Why don't England strike? and then you ask me to read this cutting, as it deals with the point. I have read. I cannot find that it deals with the point at all. If it went just a little farther—but that little is oh! so much—it would answer your question. This man says we (true again). But he does not find the men to burn them are turning out millions of tell you that if we had as many shells as on the sea shore they would be no use without guns. It takes a long time to produce a very large number of guns, and this is one of the things Germany knew when she started the war, secure in the possession of an overwhelming reserve store of these weapons, and overwhelming reserve of plant and skilled artillery makers to repair and replace as re-

quired. Wherever Germany has succeeded, it has been by reason of her enormous advantage in artillery, and corresponding shortness on the part of her opponents. The Russian has beaten the German whenever he has been on anything like equal terms with him in artillery. The Serbian ditto. What drove Russia back, and what beat Serbia was not the human Hun, but the Huns' immense superiority in the munitions of war. So long as that superiority is removed, the end of the war will be in sight. When Germany started this war—which she has planned and provided for for years—she was greatly superior in all military departments. In men, artillery and projectiles she was supreme. The whole kingdom was ordered as a gigantic fortress and honeycombed by strategic railways, laid down with a view to moving large bodies of troops rapidly. This practically doubled the value of her army numerically. She has been enjoying the fruits of that superiority ever since; but now—the thing itself is beginning to vanish. In men, notwithstanding the advantage her railways give her, she is "feeling a draught" for while she has been attacking, owing to her utter disregard of life, she has squandered her human material too freely. She has lost her advantage in men. In projectiles the advantage is rapidly passing—if not already passed—to us, owing to the gigantic—but entire-

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED

Explosion Heard Before the
Outbreak—Six Lives Sup-
posed to be Lost in Fire.
The parliament buildings at
Ottawa are probably a complete
loss owing to fire which broke
out Thursday evening in the
House of Commons Reading
Room, sweeping down the corri-
ders with tremendous fury.

Two people are dead and four
are supposed to be buried in the
ruins.

Among the injured are Hon.
Martin Burrell of B. C., who
was badly burned in the flame
of fire.

There is supposed to be no
insurance, the buildings being
worth \$1,500,000.

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE

The committee in charge of
the lighting arrangements have
gathered sufficient data to en-
able them to estimate the cost
of installing the necessary the
necessary number of lights to
cover all the main points in
the townsite.

The petition has already
been circulated and many sig-
natures have been obtained.
The estimated cost for the cur-
rent year works out at the rate
of 2 1/2 mills on the dollar, cov-
ering initial expenses and the
cost of 17 lights for one year.
If carried into effect the tax to
cover the cost will not be called
for until about the end of the
present year, so that practically
the taxpayers will get nearly
one year's light before being
called upon for payment.

Differing from government
taxes the levying and adminis-
tration of all moneys is com-
pletely in the hands of the
three commissioners appointed
by the taxpayers.

Signatures may be made at
Mr. H. Alanson's store at any
time where a copy of the as-
sessment roll may be seen.

ENJOYABLE TIME AT THE PRESBYTERIAN MANSE

A social evening was given at
the Manse last Friday evening
from 8 p.m. to 12 p. m. A-
mong the many interesting
games played was a guessing
contest. The prizes which were
a dainty box of note paper and
a box of chocolates won by Mrs.
Everett Ryall and Mr. Clarence
McCallum.

During the evening a song
was sung by the Abbotsford
Male Quartette, a solo by Mrs.
Grott, a recitation by Mrs. Par-
ton, a solo by Mr. Charles Da-
vison, a piano solo by Mrs. E.
N. Ryall, a recitation by Mrs.
Martin and a piano solo by Miss
Evelyn McMenemy. Every-
one had a splendid time and
were allowed to make any
amount of noise which gener-
ally donates a good time, and
there was plenty of that, chief-
ly in the room where they had
trouble with the telephone.

Lunch was served on trays by
Mrs. Campbell assisted by sev-

Rev. Felix Kientz Makes First Visit to the District

The Catholics of Abbotsford,
Clayburn and surrounding dis-
trict are much pleased with the
first visit of the Rev. F. Kientz
paid them some few weeks ago.

For practically one year, they
have been left without any Di-
vine service, owing to the scar-
city of priests, but, since the
first day of January, this year
the Rev. Father Felix Kientz
whose headquarters are at Chil-
liwack, has been appointed by
Archbishop T. Casey of Vancou-
ver, to take charge of all the
Catholics in the Fraser Valley
from Hope to New Westminster.
The Catholics of Abbotsford
will have a regular monthly
service on the second Sunday
of each month, to start with
February 13th. Father will ar-
rive on the previous Saturday
and will stay until Monday or
longer. He will occupy the
room at the rear of the church.
Mass will be said or sung on
Sunday at 10 a.m. followed with
the benediction of the most
Blessed Sacrament. Sunday
School will be conducted at 2:30
p. m. Occasion will be given
for the reception of the sacra-
ments. All those who have
been baptized in the Catholic
Church, are kindly reminded
that the Roman Pontiff means
to give them to understand the
great honor it is for Catholics
to have a priest with them and
also the great obligation they
have to avail themselves of his
services and to assist him and
co-operate with him in all mat-
ters that concern Holy Reli-
gion.

Father Kientz is much pleas-
ed with his first visit to Ab-
botsford, accompanied by Mr.
Moret he has paid his respects
to the Reverend Ministers of
the Anglican and Presbyterian
churches and is fully confident
that the best of relations will
exist between them and him-
self. At the next visit he will
continue his visits to the Cath-
olics who reside in the country
—Contributed.

CONSERVATIVES ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the
Abbotsford Conservative Assoc-
iation the following officers
were elected:

President—Wm. Taylor.
Vice-Pres.—C. A. Ryall.
Sec.—C. R. Davison.
Treas.—N. Hill.

Executive—A. McCallum, E.
T. Weir, D. C. Blair, J. A. Mc-
Gowan and Dr. T. A. Swift.

There was a good attendance
at the annual meeting.

There is an urgent demand
for fuel these days and the
wood cutters are busy and the
coal deliverer is kept on the
move.

Several of the younger set, and
"Jimmie" took charge of the
home made candy, which was
unsurpassable.

PERSONALS

Miss Rogers of New West-
minster spent the week end
with her brothers and sisters
here.

Mrs. F. J. Boyd was a visit-
or to Vancouver last week.

Mr. Arthur Cox of Vancou-
ver is visiting his parents here
in town.

Mrs. Lamb wo has been visit-
ing in Vancouver for the past
few weeks has returned to her
daughter Mrs. Swift.

Mr. Colin Fraser has gone to
Huntingdon to work in the C.
P. R. station there.

A sleighing party went to
Clayburn on Tuesday evening
and had a very enjoyable time
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.
Cruickshank.

Mrs. Ross was visiting in Bel-
lingham last week for a few
days.

The new repair machinery
arrived for the lumber mill and
was hauled from the station on
sleighs. It is now being put in
place ready for work when the
mill re-opens.

A surprise party was taken to
Mr. and Mrs. D. McGillivray's
on Wednesday evening and all
had a merry time playing games
and cards.

Mrs. H. Alanson was hostess
at the W. A. social in the Mas-
onic Hall Thursday evening.

A pancake social will be given
in the afternoon and even-
ing at the home of Mrs. Mc-
Menemy next Wednesday in aid
of the Presbyterian church. Tea
and cake will also be served and
a fee of 15¢ is asked.

The Great Northern train did
not go through on Wednesday
on account of snow blockades.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are guests
at the Russell House in New
Westminster.

Miss Margaret Miller is visit-
ing her sister Mrs. McKinnon.
Constable Lines has been sick
with the grip since last Satur-
day.

Mr. Robert Powell was a vis-
itor to Claburn on Sunday.

ADDITION TO THE FUNDS

The treasurer of the local
Red Cross Auxiliary is pleased
to report a substantial addition
to the funds this month. The
box in post office was the re-
cipient of a cheque from Mr. J.
J. Sparrow for \$5.00; Abbots-
ford Lumber Co., \$10.00 (m);
Monthly contributions \$14.75, in
small amounts 75¢.

The usual \$12.00 to prisoners
of war fund has been forward-
ed to the treasurer at Vancou-
ver

HONOR ROLL

Next Sunday evening the Roll
of men who enlisted for over-
seas service from this district
will be unveiled and read at the
service in the Presbyterian
church. Some fifty men left
these parts or are preparing to
leave. Of those who left soon
after the war begun have been
killed.

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But the worst thing about the storm is that the Conservative Cabinet meeting at Kamloops has been interfered with, and here are all the Liberals and the Vancouver Sun awaiting news of "what's doin'" in the way of general elections, or bye-elections. It's really too bad to keep us all in suspense in that way and our opinion is that Premier Bowser should not have gone to such an out of the way place as Kamloops anyhow, when he knew he was to have a cabinet meeting. It was sure short-sightedness on his part. The attempt to make Kamloops the Inland capital has met with failure at the start, it would seem.

The Dominion government are to create another portfolio—Minister of Munitions—with R. B. Bennet at the head of the department. Conservatives who know say that he is the right man in the right place. Let us hope so.

The Peace, Prohibition and Petticoat parties of the United States appear to be uniting their efforts for purpose of putting up a presidential candidate this fall. With such a combination there will be no want of choice for a leader—Even Henry Ford has been mentioned as leader. In the meantime President Wilson has started on a tour of Preparedness and America for Americans, which should appeal to a large following.

In Canada we in the West often think that the East does not do us as much justice in many matters as they should. The questions that we sometimes think of great importance the East pass off lightly, and one of these questions is the Oriental immigration; and then during these war times while the West has responded more nobly according to population than the East, there does not appear to be the same generous hand dealing out war supplies to the western manufacturers that there is in the east; and we might if we had time multiply the wrongs so as to have a long list. But western Canada is not alone in this matter of not being treated on a level with the more populous east. From Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has been sent a resolution to Washington on the naval and military affairs that is required for the western States. It is claimed that is the first instance in the history of the country where a direct demand has been made on Congress for the protection of its people, specifying the character of the defense. In the preamble the resolution sets forth that the United States is at present totally unprepared to defend itself against any sort of attack, and that the need for defense may arise at any moment. The cost and consequence of an attack would be far greater than the most elaborate form of preparedness, the report says, and as the United States government has refused to accept the trained opinions of its general naval board and general staff of the army, it is high time the people make known their feelings. Then it goes further and says "The Panama Canal is too uncertain a quantity. It could be easily blocked or its locks destroyed with dynamite in advance of war by any nation planning war with the United States. Unless our navy is kept on the Pacific Ocean constantly and is at least equal in fighting power to the combined navies of Asia, it would fail as a defense for the Pacific Coast in the event of war with Asiatic nations. It would be destroyed unless it sought safety in fortified naval bases or harbors of refuge." And then says that there should be a standing army, fully equipped of 500,000 men between the mountains and the coast. In the case of an Asiatic war of course the western coast would have to bear the first brunt, hence the urgent demand for defense. It would look as though somebody was waking up, as there was to be something doing, perhaps sooner than we can tell.

Ireland is outside the operation of the British Compulsion Bill. But what Irishman ever had to be compelled to fight?

It was pleasing to note in the dailies a few days ago that Col. Taylor really did say that one of Laurier's Dreadnaughts was of real service on the Pacific coast at the opening of the war. Truth will prevail always.

Roosevelt Started the War.

The following is not from the trenches but from an eastern exchange, and is really so good that we cannot overlook printing it:

Have you heard this story? The Crown Prince was having a nice little chat with his father, the Butcher of Potsdam, and apropos of nothing said, "Father, who started this war?"

"I know," said the father playfully, "but I won't tell."

"Did Cousin George start it?" persisted the youth without a chin.

"No!" said the Father.

"Did Cousin Nicholas?"

"No!" said papa.

"Did Francis-Joseph?"

"No!" said the Old Man.

"Well, who did then?"

"I'll tell you, son! You remember Teddy Roosevelt came out of Central Africa and called on us several years ago, and I showed him our magnificent army; I showed him our great and glorious navy; I showed him the Zepps and the submarines and the gas bags, and Teddy, greatly impressed, slapped me on the back and said:

"Bill, my boy, you can lick the world"—And, like a damned fool, I believed him."

Our London Letter (Continued)

view of the whole field. Our battlefields extend for miles and miles. No commander can view it all and all must necessarily rely upon minor officers. Blunders—of course there will be blunders. And where every private constitutes himself a critic or a judge, there will be differences as to the extent of the blunder, and who was responsible for it. There is another to this question. An officer may be a good one, may carry out many difficult operations in a very satisfactory manner, and then at last find himself up against an utter impossibility, or what he honestly thinks one. He has to decide quickly. He decides not to risk the lives of his men in what he believes to be a mad venture, or he decides to chance it and try and win through. Subsequent information (which the public may get to know) but which at the time he could not possibly know, shows him to have been wrong in his choice. Is he to be charged with incompetence? No! the crime is not incompetence, but failure. There's nothing succeeds like success. Hindenburg and Mackensen have thrown away hundreds of thousands of precious lives unnecessarily; but because "God fights on the side of the big battalions," they won through—so they are great generals. Not one of them, as strategists, could hold a candle to the man you are glad has given up the command. So far as competence in generalship is concerned they cut very poor figures by the side of the Russian generals. As for the child you speak of in the Mesopotamia area, I simply do not know what you are driving at. The child seems to have done very well. He has been annihilated about ten times (according to the enemy reports but he and his little force still seem to be very much alive, and able to take care of themselves and incidentally of any others they can find as well. Don't take so much notice of that German propaganda and pro-German liars.

You object to judging of Americans by their base-ball. My dear fellow, it matters not what the game is. The principle is the thing. If a man cheats—does not play the fair, clean, game—then he is a twister. The history of Yankee sport when in competition with this country is a history of cheating. Not always, of course, but too frequently not to compel notice. The man who will cheat in a game will cheat in the game of life. The motto of the average American sportsman is "Win tie, or wrangle." And as he long ago sold his soul to the Almighty dollar, perhaps I am only wasting time in discussing him. In my opinion, the average Yankee is a wrong'un—but I am quite aware my opinion does not count for much. Baseball, cricket, football, walking, running—any sport you like. Show me a fair, clean sportsman, and I'll show you a man,—whether he's a Yank, Britisher, Dutchman, or anything else. Show me a cheat, and even if the Angel Gabriel and all his satellites are walking round him with halos in their hands, he's none the less a wrong'un.

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A GENTLE REMINDER

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The rooms above the harness shop are open for work every Thursday from 2 o'clock.

Mr. McCulloch is waiting for warm weather to get around again.

The Ladies' Aid met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. McKinnon.

Mr. Chapman of the Mill with will leave on Sunday to join the boys in khaki.

Rev. Mr. Alder is leaving Aldergrove field to take charge of the Parksville field on Vancouver Island.

The W. C. T. U. met in the Manse on Tuesday. Owing to the cold and stormy weather the attendance was not large.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Hamre and little daughter came over in their auto from Aldergrove on Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. William Walmsley of Abbotsford.

The L. O. L. 1867 held a public meeting on Friday evening in the Orange Hall when addresses were delivered by Messrs Whitley and Gamble, organizer and Grand Master for B. C.

"ROUGH ON RATS" clears out Rats, Mice, etc. Don't Die in the House. 15c and 25c, at Drug and Country Stores.

Mrs. D. Winton is a patient at Clark's hospital, Sumas.

The Fraser Valley Presbyterian Ministerial Association will meet at the manse next Monday afternoon when Mr. Conn of Mission City will lead a discussion on: The Church and Amusements.

Mr. Ernest W. Bigelow, lawyer, will visit Abbotsford on Wednesday next, February 9th, with the view of opening an office. For the day he will make his headquarters at the Abbotsford Hotel.

On Saturday February 12th the W. A. of St. Matthews will hold a Valentine social in the Masonic Hall in the afternoon from 3:30 p. m. Afternoon tea. Home cooking will be on sale. In the evening a programme is to be given and games indulged in. Valentines on sale. Every body come and have a gay time.

Amount of Custom Fines etc collected at Abbotsford for the fiscal year ending March 31st 1916, was \$268.35 paid to the Receiver General. Paid by departmental cheque \$417.90.

The customs duties for the same period was \$26,501.70; expenses of collection \$11,794.38.

Our London Letter (Continued)

ly new efforts put forward to manufacture such munitions in this country. In the weapons to burn these projectiles (as your cutting tells it)—in artillery, especially machine guns and heavy artillery, we are catching up. It will take some little time yet, but we shall get there. And then England will strike! We could have struck long ago, and might have won

through, but it would have cost us an enormous number of lives we wish if possible to save. It might suit the sensational appetites of some U. S. people to read of millions of Britishers and Franks and others (not forgetting Canadians) being wiped out by the bullets of German engines of war rather than wait for their own weapons to be forged; but history will say otherwise. There will be quite enough sacrifice of life when t remove comes. We can easily multiply it if we strike before we are ready; but the suggestion comes with very bad grace from those whose only action when their own countrymen are deliberately and ruthlessly murdered is to sit in safe corners at home and write polite notes about it.

I note you are glad French is out of command. Well, if that is so, it only convinces one how little is known of true state of affairs in your part of the world. "He did nothing" you say, and that is exactly what the German papers said. Of course they represented the spider and the British force the fly. And the truth is that J. French was a great deal too "fly" to walk into their parlour. "He did nothing." Ye gods! If there is one man more than another who has saved France and kept the Huns at bay in the West while army raising, and munition making, and all the other means of offence and defence were organizing, that man is John French. Over and over again the Germans flung immense masses of troops—picked regiments and artillery—against his small force in the hope of capturing the dominating positions for the Channel and France, and every time his brain and dispositions beat them. It was his little force—handled with superb ability, and nursed with every protection that strategy could afford—that at the outset of the war held up the German avalanche on Paris, and made possible the flinging back of the Germans from the Marne. "He did nothing." Ye gods! Ask Frenchmen who know. They will tell you that while their countrymen ran away in hundreds of thousands, of British force, directed by French Smith Dorrien and Hay, saved France. You have been visiting some poor wounded fellows—the victims you say of incompetence. Possibly. But not French's incompetence. French might have disagreed with some of the big wigs at home about certain details or instructions, and finally have chucked it—but there was never any incompetence there. Ask Von Kluck and several other German generals who tried to get past him with ten times the weight of material and men and then failed. I know a great deal more than ever gets in the papers, and I am not glad that French is "out of command". As for the political lies about his neglecting his duty and looking after his own personal welfare (these statements were generally directed against headquarters staff, not against French), the people who fathered these in shame for some time past, canards have held their heads looking again through your note the thought strikes one—What a lot of scandal-monging tittle-tattle you do seem to get hold of. Then again about French or Hay or anybody else not having the courage to name failures and get them sent home. Simply because the war office does not publish the whole of the reports (much of which are confidential) you conclude that the writer hasn't

had the courage to say this or that. In America you may hang a man and try him afterwards. And your people love a sensation and like to try a man by public opinion. We don't. We have court-martialled plenty of officers. But until a man is found guilty we do not punish him. Names have been mentioned, and people have been cashiered—when they have been proved to have committed any military crime. Not before Lynch law, or mob law, or unwritten law, or whatever you like to style that kind of so-called "rough justice" is not our habit. Incompetence there is—there must be. We had only a small army and the vast majority of our trained officers fell early in the war. You have perhaps 50,000 young officers now who have only lately begun to learn their duties and you can bet your last dollar they will make blunders and show evidences of incompetence. Wellington fought his battle in (Continued on Page Two.)

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COL. TAYLOR'S SPEECH (Con.)

standing at the door and watching the downfall of the unwary guests, but offering an urbane welcome to those who had escaped the pitfalls. Then there is the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald), who is also basent. After listening carefully to his address the other night, I saw in my mind's eye his early and furtive entry into the tea room and his carefully anointing with vinegar the jugs of cream. I pictured next another absent critic of the Administration, the hon. member for Carleton, N. B., (Mr. Carvell) whose role, it seems to me, would be having asked permission to dry a small bundle of hay in one of the stoves on the premises, to mix with the hay a noxious perfume in order that he might make his influence felt on the olfactory nerves of his audience, if he could not impress them by any other means. It seems to me that the result of the various performances of these absent critics would do anything but make for peace and harmony of a patriotic gathering. Under these circumstances the threat if it were threat—the whichever it was—of the hon. member for Carleton, that Canadians because of his criticism and the criticism of those like him, should refrain either from enlisting or from subscribing to the Patriotic Fund, would be very likely to receive some attention. The cream of the present campaign undoubtedly had been the efficiency and the overwhelming superiority of the navy. Yet the hon. member for Pictou puts this to the acid touch of his complaint that Canada has neglected to gild the refined gold in that she has not offered what he thinks should have been the proper assistance to the Imperial Navy in the shape of strengthening their naval brigade. I will deal with his remarks practically in so far as they affect conditions on the Pacific Coast although he had a good deal to say about conditions at Halifax also. Take first the steamship Rainbow, the protection bequeathed to us by the late Government. The hon. member informed this house that that ship was dismantled and useless at the beginning of the campaign. But on the contrary, so reckless was the hon. gentleman in his assertions and so little care did he take to have ground for the criticism that he levelled against the Government, that the fact is quite opposite. At the opening of the war the Rainbow was in full commission. In the spring of 1914, Canada had undertaken to send a ship to the Behring Sea Patrol to replace the Algerine and the Shearwater of the Imperial Navy, which were detained on the Mexican coast by the trouble arising in that country. The Rainbow was fitted for this service, and was prepared to leave when war broke out. The ship was immediately placed at the disposal of the Admiralty, and has been at such disposal ever since. The complement of the Rainbow was completed by the addition of a number of Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve ratings who had been training at Esquimalt, and the ship put to sea immediately to protect the Canadian coasts. A report in British Columbia at the time which caused great apprehension, was to the effect that the German ship Leipzig and Nurnberg were off the American coast. The Rainbow went south to meet these ships, and, by so doing, enabled the little Imperial ships Shearwater and Algerine to regain Esquimalt in safety; and also deterred the German vessels from entering the Canadian harbours without at least a serious conflict.

The hon. gentleman also complains of inattention on the part of this government to requests from British Columbia for the formation locally of a branch of the Royal Naval Reserve. In this case he is mistaken. During the year before the war the question of the organization of naval reserves was taken up by the Department of the Naval Service. In the fall of 1913, authority was given to organize a company in Victoria, B. C., in a preliminary manner, and facilities were given for drilling in the Esquimalt dockyard, the direction of the movement being undertaken by the naval officers at that station. During the winter of 1913-14, a scheme for organization was drawn up, which was put into effect by Order in Council. In the spring of 1914 arrangements were made with the Admiralty to obtain officers for the training of a corps of volunteers to be distributed throughout the country. A company was organized in Victoria and another in Vancouver, and the organization was being perfected when

war broke out. The Admiralty stated that they were unable to send out the officers who were to have undertaken the training of these bodies. It was, therefore, necessary to postpone the projected organization, but the measures which were authorized were utilized for the purpose of enlisting volunteers to serve for the period of the war on the Niobe and Rainbow, to man patrol vessels and to take part in other defensive measures on the coasts of Canada. These men have been extremely useful and have done good service—service which has been recognized by the Imperial officers who have been associated with those two vessels since the outbreak of the war. While the German vessels were patrolling the Pacific, some 450 men were enlisted in the province of British Columbia and were divided into various patrol services along the coast. After Admiral Sturdee's victory off the Falkland Islands, it was no longer necessary to keep such a large number of the volunteers on service, and all men wishing to join overseas forces were allowed to resign, and a number of other men who wished to rejoin their families were also allowed to leave the force. A number of these volunteers are still serving on the Rainbow, the Shearwater and the submarines, and employed on patrol and other duties as well.

The hon. member for Pictou seems to be under a misapprehension as to the requirements, if not the functions, of the Royal naval brigade. At the beginning of the war the Admiralty called out the Royal naval reserves, composed of men engaged in mercantile marine, but trained to a certain extent in the Royal Navy. When these men responded to the call, the Admiralty found themselves with a large body of trained seamen from which they manned the ships ready to put to sea, and still had a considerable number of men over. The naval brigade, thus organized, while formed of reserve seamen, was partly officered by naval officers and partly by army officers. The men were trained to a military unit and given the uniform of the land forces they were armed and equipped in exactly the same way as the infantry regiments, and took their places in the trenches alongside of the latter. The point of this is that as Canada was already sending land forces in quite as large number as the Imperial Government could handle, it made no difference to that Government whether we sent those forces under the name of naval brigade, as the hon. member for Pictou suggests we should have done, or whether we enrolled them as infantry and sent them over under the name, as well as to perform the duties, of land forces. A feature of the early part of this debate was the submarine warfare of the hon. member for St. John city (Mr. Pugsley) who when taken to task from this side of the House, excused himself on the ground that his periscope was the press of Vancouver and Victoria. I am sorry the hon. gentleman is not present, because I would have liked from him the last vestige of protection or excuse for having, with the product of the peculiar state of mental exaltation in which he must have been on his visit to the coast, given so inadequate and distorted a report of what he learned from his perusal of the press of Victoria and Vancouver. Since the hon. gentleman spoke in this House, I have been looking up the press of Victoria and Vancouver to which he had access, and which, he says he carefully perused. I find that that press contradicts him in every particular, that there is no manner of complaint that he has alleged here and that is dealt with by the evidence as read by the Solicitor General, which was not adequately covered by the press of Victoria and Vancouver at that time; and that there are not facts which, to a man with any interest in the subject, would not have been disclosed by the perusal of that evidence. I find a statement by the hon. gentleman, for instance, that there was no explanation of the division of the submarine money into three drafts. On the contrary, we read in the newspapers an exact explanation, first by the manager of the bank as to the nature and amounts of the drafts; next by Mr. Paterson, the agent of the company as to why those divisions were made, and as to what disposition was made of each draft. Further, I find that the receipts from the recipients of those drafts, showing the purpose of them, were produced before the com-

mission, and are on file with the other documents.

I find the statement made by the hon. member for St. John the reiteration that he was justified in supposing that Captain Logan should have known something about the price of the submarines by reason of the fact that, as shown by his bill which forms part of the record presented to this House last session, he was engaged for fifteen days in this business. On reading the Victoria press for my own information, I find that that is most carefully and thoroughly dealt with, that Captain Logan's evidence was to the effect that his first connection with the submarine business was on Sunday, August 2, the declaration of war being on the 4th, and that the greater part of the fifteen days, for which he has put in a bill to the government, was taken up, not by negotiations for the sale of those submarines, as the remarks of the hon. member for St. John would lead this House to believe, but, as plainly stated, by Captain Logan himself, in the endeavor to secure torpedoes and other supplies for the craft after their purchase and delivery to Esquimalt dockyard. So, Mr. Speaker, we have an addition to our cause for amazement that an hon. gentleman should have attempted to inform this House as to the facts of an incident, facts which he said reflected severely, not only upon the politicians whom he connected with the transaction, but upon a most esteemed retired member of the judiciary engaged as a Royal Commissioner, and that he should have presumed to cast reflections, with no warrant at all in fact, so far as his own statements as to where he procured these facts, admit of investigation of his allegations to this House.

Then, again, Mr. Speaker, so far as the participation of counsel for the Liberal party in British Columbia is concerned, I would like to add something to what has gone upon record, something which, when I was perusing the press of the coast for the purposes intended, I saw very fully set forth. I find that when Commissioner Davidson refused the counsel for the Liberal party the right to appear as such, on the ground that one party could not be represented without the other, at the same time he extended to him a most cordial invitation to attend at the sessions of the Commission, and to give Mr. Thompson, the official counsel, all the assistance in his power.

Mr. MEIGHAN: Did the counsel for the Liberal party stay?

Mr. TAYLOR: No, I regret to answer that the newspaper records set forth that counsel therupon left the meeting place of the Commission. I find also that Sir Richard McBride, who was present, personally urged on the Commissioner that he had no objection to the attendance of counsel representing the Liberal party. In fact, it was only a sense of duty on the part of the Commissioner, his sense of what was regular in the proceedings, and his conviction that it would be irregular that he refused, even when requested by the accused, for Sir Richard McBride was virtually in that position, to allow the Liberal counsel to appear.

I find, in addition, that not only did the commissioner at the outset of the investigation issue the most comprehensive invitation to every person concerned to attend and give evidence, but that this invitation was emphasized at the close by a leading editorial in the Victoria Colonist, which called attention to the fact that, the commission having been sitting for three days and being about to adjourn, no persons from Victoria had volunteered to give evidence. There had been a great deal of rumour in Liberal political circles in Victoria, that the local Liberal newspaper had been the vent of these rumours, and that the editorials in the newspaper indicated that the editor of the paper believed he had warrant for the insinuations which had been printed. The Colonist pointed out the advisability of any person having any information of that kind at his disposal attending before the commissioner, or suggesting to him the names of some persons who should attend. To all these invitations there was no response, a fact which seems to me Mr. Speaker, can lead to no other conclusion than that there was never any ground for the insinuations of any graft in connection with the purchase of the submarines which, so far as British Columbia was concerned, would have been cheap at many times the price paid for them, which saved us treasure, if not lives, and which would not have been secured but for the outstanding enterprise of the Government of British Columbia. I am indebted to my hon. friend the Solicitor General for the suggestion that the commission not yet having been dissolved and the commissioner not having made his report, the invitation is open to any person, from the hon. member for St. John down, who knows anything, or has any ground for suspicion, to

appear before the commissioner, state the ground and have it investigated. Before closing, I wish to refer to only one other incident of this debate. I wish to allude to the following remarks of the hon. member for North Cape Breton (Mr. McKenzie), to be found on page 321 of Hansard:

"I need not tell you, Sir, what has happened in British Columbia. You know that the people there are rising in their might to have clean government and clean administration and to have back again the condition of things which we brought to them when we put the Conservatives out of house and home before, and the time will come when our old grand chieftain will once more give clean government to the people of this country, and when we shall all rally around him and the old conditions will prevail."

Mr. Speaker, for the province of British Columbia, I wish to say that there is not the first atom of foundation for any of the insinuations contained in that paragraph. I am sorry that the hon. gentleman is not present, after having made so foul an accusation against the Government of my province and I regret that he should not have remained in the House until some representative from that province had had an opportunity of kasing him the source of his information, what detail he had, and if he had any sense of responsibility as a member of this House when he has no ground for so

base an insinuation as that which he has put before it. I am proud to say that graft is not indigenous to the soil or climate of British Columbia, that political scandals are an exception and that, in so far as the Provincial Government is concerned, during the twelve years in which it has been in office, there has been no scandal in connection with it, or the slightest insinuation that one cent of public money has been diverted in the way of graft. I am proud to say also that, as far as my information goes—and I am pretty well informed as to Federal affairs in British Columbia—I know of no beginning even of graft in connection with the Federal Administration in that province since the change of Government.

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Mrs. F. Sutherby is the guest of Miss Hunt of Chilliwack.

Pte. Chas. Wooler is spending a few days with his parents.

Miss T. McGillivray of Huntingdon is visiting in Rosedale.

Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Swift are rejoicing over the arrival of a young daughter.

Mr. John Gillen went down to New Westminster to enlist on Thursday morning.

Mr. Alex. McCallum was a visitor to Westminster on Thursday of this week.

Mr. Amies Yoeman and family of Straiton are now residents of Huntingdon now.

The Ladies Aid gave a pleasant social evening at the home of Mrs. McMenemy on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Boyd left for Winnipeg on Tuesday evening to see his son Hilliard who has enlisted for overseas service.

Mr. and Mrs. Mains, brother of Mr. Alex. Mains, returned to their home on the Prairie on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Binns are happy over the arrival of a young daughter who arrived on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeaver on Friday evening were surprised by a number of friends who came to spend the evening with them.

Mr. Ernest W. Bigelow, solicitor, will be in Abbotsford on Wednesday, in the office of Mr. McCallum, opposite the Royal Bank.

Mrs. Campbell of the manse is in Vancouver attending the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Womens' Missionary Society.

On account of weather conditions, the W. A. have postponed their home cooking sale and afternoon tea until Monday March 7th.

Mrs. Hutchison and daughter who have been spending some months with Mr. James Hutchison left on Tuesday evening for Scotland going by way of St. Pauls, Chicago and New Port News.

On Thursday, February 27, the W. A. will hold a social evening in Masonic Hall. Games refreshments, cards, dancing, music and Collection.

About forty Masons gathered at the Masonic hall on Saturday last to spend a pleasant evening. The first prize in whist went to Mrs. MacGowan and Mr. Morley and the consolation to Mr. G. Blair.

The Roll of Honor of the enlisted men of Abbotsford was unveiled and read on Sunday evening last in the Presbyterian church. Seven of the seventy-two have given their lives in the cause of the Empire.

Mr. Clarence McCallum who was operated on for appendicitis last Friday in Sumas Private Hospital is reported doing very well although he had a slight relapse on Wednesday. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Celebratee "Frances Willard"

The W. C. T. U. of Abbotsford purpose celebrating "Frances Willard Day", February 17 by a social tea and evening entertainment. Tea will be served in the S. School room of the Presbyterian church from four till six o'clock. In the evening a public meeting will be held consisting of singing and recitations. It is hoped that the male quartette will sing; also Miss Duncan of Clayburn and others. Collection in aid of World's Missionary Work.

More Money for Red Cross.

The treasurer of the Red Cross work is in receipt of a cheque of \$5.00 from Messrs Spencer & Hill this week. A post card from Mr. B. Sutherland a prisoner of war in Germany, says he is in receipt of a weekly parcel from the prisoner of war fund for which he is thankful.

Killed in a Mine.

Word has reached Abbotsford that James W. Williams was killed in an explosion at the Iron Mask Mine, near Kamloops on Monday last. Deceased was a mining engineer and a resident of Abbotsford for six years. He leaves a widow and several small children to mourn his loss who have the sympathy of the community in this their hour of bitter sorrow.

Activity of Portugese Red Cross

The doctrine of unpreparedness has few followers even in the countries which are not actively engaged in hostilities. Exceedingly cynical indeed must be any country, which can calmly contemplate the sufferings of millions of wounded men, with no thought of organizing medical assistance.

The annual report of the Portugese Red Cross shows that Portugal is conscious of its obligations in this matter. Since the outbreak of the war the Central Committee of Lisbon has occupied itself especially with the formation of provincial branches. The number of these is now twenty-five. Their administration, as in Canada, is completely autonomous. Each branch begins its labors by the formation of a hospital unit, composed of four doctors 6 trained nurses, 48 litter bearers, and in addition provided

with the regulation material for the transport and surgical treatment of wounded.

The chief work of the Portugese Society has been the establishment, at Lisbon, of a Nurses Training School with a hospital annex. This hospital, which bears the name "Casa de Saude da Cruz Vermelha" or "Hospital of the Red Cross," is situated in the suburbs of Lisbon, near the Zoological Garden, on the slopes of a hill from which there is an immense and splendid panorama. It is surrounded by gardens with an area of over 300,000 square feet, and has a capacity of 100 beds. Through this and other ways much has been done to put the Red Cross work on a firm footing in the republic of Portugal. There, as elsewhere, it is realized that a country which keeps out of the world current of Red Crss activity, is a country which incurs an extreme national discredit.

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