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## THE FINAL VICTORY LOAN

Editorial in The Globe, Toronto, Sept. 16, 1919

Preparations for the launching of the final Victory Loan have been begun. From this time forward until the end of the campaign public interest in the financial condition of the Dominion will increase steadily. There is need for a discussion not only of the fundamentals of National Finance, but for the diffusion of information all over the country as to the purposes for which this specific loan is required. The war is over. The appeal to the win-the-war spirit—so effective in the floating of former loans—cannot be made upon this occasion. Instead, there must be an appeal to the common sense of the people and to their desire to do all that is possible to bring about the restoration of normal conditions in the Dominion.

The first thing that must be impressed upon the public mind is the fact that a large part of the money called for is required to wipe out the indebtedness of the Government to Canadian banks that have advanced great sums almost a quarter of a billion dollars—to enable the Government to grant credits for the purchase of goods for export to Allied countries that are unable to pay cash for all the Canadian provisions and other products they require. The loan is needed also to meet the heavy expenditures attending the demobilization of the Canadian overseas army. Gratuities and back pay run into enormous sums. The credits to Great Britain to enable her to continue buying Canadian products have been very large. Greece, Roumania, and Belgium have been supplied with foodstuffs, clothing, and implements through a a loan of seventy-five million dollars made by the Canadian Government to the Governments of these countries. Sir Henry Drayton says that further credits will have to be made to finance the export of our natural products. The loans will be repaid in time, and such portions of them as are not promptly liquidated by the importation of British and continental European goods into Canada will remain to the credit of the Canadian people as an investment of capital on which interest will be drawn.

It is good to have considerable investments abroad instead of remaining -as Canada was before the war-almost exclusively a debtor nation. In pre-war days, for example, the British people had almost three billion dollars invested in Canada. They owned huge blocks of national, Provincial, and municipal securities. They held the bulk of the bonds and stock of our railways. They had much money in Western lands and in Eastern manufacturing enterprises. Large blocks of bank capital were British. It required the export of about a hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of Canadian products yearly to pay even the interest on this great investment. That fact indicates why Canadian exports to Great Britain were greater than Canada's imports from Great Britain. They had to be about a hundred and fifty million greater if we were not to keep going more deeply into debt year by year through the reinvestment of British money in Canada.

During the war the British people sold or put in pledge large amounts of Canadian securities—not less probably than half a billion dellars' worth and Canadians have been buying these securities by means of a large surplus of exports. It is anticipated that after all the war accounts are balanced Canada will have reduced her debt to British capital by at least half a billion dollars, and that hereafter she will have to export twenty-five million dollars' worth less of her products than in pre-war years to pay her annual interest bill to Great Britain.

But it may be argued that the Canadian people as a whole will not benefit ber ause some of them owe less to some of the British people than they did before the war. This is a mistaken view. It is true that there has been a vast increase of Canada's internal debt because of the war. For a period of years too long to estimate with any degree of certainty all the people of Canada as taxpayers will have to pay about \$120,000,000 a year as interest on the war debt to the much smaller number of Canadians who hold war bonds. But when we get down to concrete cases instead of dealing in the mass the debt burden of two billions does not look so hopelessly large. The interest amounts to about \$15 per year per head. Every shop girl or domestic or workingman who has been able to buy three hundred dollars' worth of Victory bonds-and their numbers run up into hundreds of thousandswill get annually in interest from the Government a little more than enough to pay his or her share of the taxation due to war debt. In other words, their savings cancel their share of the debt.

Had the country tried to finance its war expenditure by foreign instead of internal loans—supposing that to have been possible—the condition of Canada would have been vastly more serious to-day. Our debt to external creditors would have been over four and a half billion dollars, and to pay the interest at the current rate would have involved the export of about two hundred and thirty million dollars' worth of Canadian products yearly without any corresponding imports. The effect upon the manufacturers and merchants of Canada of such a drain would have been almost ruinous, for the people of the Dominion would have their buying capacity very seriously reduced by the export of their products to pay interest on the external debt. It is therefore of great importance that the Canadian people as a whole should owe some of the Canadian people the bulk of the money spent in prosecuting the war. The interest is spent in the country, and benefits in the spending all classes of the community—the debtor as well as the creditor.

If the argument here presented is a sound one, then it follows that to the very limit of our capacity we should continue to buy Victory Bonds. The new issue will have to yield at least four hundred million dollars to enable the National Treasury to discharge its obligations during the current financial year. Victory Bonds are an excellent investment, but they are more than that. They are a sign that Canadians have faith in their country, in its vast resources, in the stability of its Government, in the will and the power of the people to build up and maintain a civilization which will stand the greatest stress that can be brought to bear upon the foundations whereon the Dominion has been reared.

GETS NEW COMMAND

Capt. N. S. Nelson, formerly the W. C. Grace Co. skipper of the Celtic and Anyox, has been appointed captain of the steamer Crisfield. The new boat button?

is built of steel and is of 9,600 probe. Ald. Patrick says that outdoor subjects and this time it three rich states to the south. tons. She has been bought by many of the dogs impounded have deals with the human side of wild. The wealth in mines and tim-





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#### 1,000 DOGS KILLED IN VICTORIA LAST YEAR

Proposal to Provide Revenue by for Victoria. Selling Skins of Stray Canines.

VICTORIA, Nov. 10.—Ald. John Harvey, chairman of the Pound Committee of the City Council, announced last night that he will investigate the problem of disposal of stray dogs' hides. It has material and are prepared to pay a great mansion. high prices for it.

know the carcases were destroyed seen tonight at the Empress. at the city incinerator. This meant, of course, a complete loss cious star, has one of her most and health. to the city. I don't see why the effective roles, and is supported carcases should not be preserved by a cast of exceptional strength, and the skins removed and sold: including Kempton Greene, Stan-The poundkeeper probably would ley Walpole, Shirley Brule, Frannot have time to handle this work ces Mann, Fred Smith, Jessie pert Spruce Mills, Ltd., addressed but the leather merchants might Stevens, Denton Vane, Frank Nor- the Board of Trade briefly at the look after that. The proposition cross, and Miriam Miles. is worth investigating anyway. It has been tried out on the prairies! and found successful."

been disposed of by the pound-life rather than with that of the ber was very great. keeper to Gordon Head poultry creatures of the woods and Mr. Lougheed said he was glad If you have bought a Victory farmers who are warring against waters. The frailties of men and to see a live Board of Trade as inbrand new U. S. Shipping Board's Bond why do you not wear the a plague of weasels.

Aldermen look upon the whole picturesquely depicted.

They see in it an opportunity for LUSITANIA CAPTAIN the pound department to become a revenue producer; indeed, the creator of a brand new industry

#### GLADYS LESLIE IN "FORTUNE'S CHILD"

Beth was doomed to a life of drudgery in a boarding house, but been in command of many large she never; lost faith that some day Atlantic steamers. On the Maurebeen suggested to him that con- the Knight in her book of fairy tania he made the record for siderable revenue might be de- tales would come for her. And speed between Liverpool and New rived for, the city from the sale this faith kept her cheerful and York. Two of his ships were of the skins of dogs killed at the kept alive a belief in the world's torpedoed during the war, first the pound, as leather merchants are goodness, and finally the Knight Lusitania in 1915 and the Ivernia, said to be in the market for such does come and takes her away to in the Mediterranean, in 1917.

This story is delightfully told "One thousand dogs were killed in "Fortune's Child," the third of the Order of the British Emlast year by the poundkeeper," Gladys Leslie release in the Vita- pire. He is becoming an old man said Ald. Harvey. "So far as I graph Star Series, which will be

Miss Leslie, lovable and viva-

#### ROD AND GUN IN CANADA

be also in favor of the plan and hand and is as interesting as ever. however, enthused with the proshe can probably be counted upon There is a story by Bonnycastle pects of this north country. This to support Ald. Harvey in the Dale the well known writer on province was just as rich as the

# RETIRES FROM SEA

Capt. William Thomas Turner, commander of the Lusitania when she was torpedoed, has retired. He is 62 years of age and went to sea at the age of 13. He joined the Cunard company in 1878 and became a master in 1903, his first ship being the Aleppo. He has .

In 1918 Captain Turner received the decoration of the fourth class and the rigor and especially the excitement of the war period is said to have told on his nerves

#### ADDRESSES BOARD

Mr. Lougheed of the Prince Rumeeting Friday night. He said he was really only a visitor here and he did not yet know whether his firm would continue to operate Ald. Joseph Patrick is said to Rod and Gun in Canada is to the mill another season. He was,

the business covered.

## Gene Byrnes Says:—"It's a Great Life If You Don't Weaken."

