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**SPEAKING FRENCH SOMETIMES; THINKING BRITISH ALWAYS.**

Since the present war began many thoughtful people in Ontario have been perplexed by what appeared to be the attitude of the French-speaking Canadians. French-speaking men in Ontario and the West have made noble response to the appeals of patriotism, as the names in the Porcupine Honor Roll and many another similar list bear ample testimony. But still there have been the solemn suggestions ever repeated that Quebec remains, and Bourassa and Lavergne still live and talk and thrive in popularity. Contrast has been made between the response of Ontario and the reply of Quebec to the urgent call to the colors, but thoughtful people in Ontario who have earnestly studied the question are now also contrasting the appeals to Quebec and the appeals to this Province. It is known now that Quebec has never had the thorough, general public appeal made throughout its length and breadth that has been made in other provinces. French-speaking men who have heard the fervent BRITISH appeal in this and other provinces have answered the call in goodly measure. Might not the response of Quebec as a province have been as general and as generous if the appeal had been wholly British,—instead of every speaker pussy-footing about France and gallant Frenchmen? There are many people in Ontario who are beginning to believe that French-speaking Canadians are as proud to-day of their British citizenship and as ready to defend it to the death as their fathers were a hundred years ago when they saved this land to the flag that protected their faith, their language and their liberty.

Ontario newspapers are forever talking of such French-speaking Canadians as the Bourassas and the Lavergnes. These men are supposed to be types. But there are other types. Perhaps we have heard too much of Henri Bourassa and Armande Lavergne, and too little of—Matt. Boivin. Matt Boivin speaks French sometimes, and thinks British always. Ever since the war commenced he has been among the leaders in giving in

working, in paying and praying for Britain's victory. He has "done his bit" in his own able, shrewd, humorous way, and as every worker in patriotic causes and every officer who ever recruited in this district will gladly admit it has been a mighty "bit" at that. It should be a change and a rest and a blessing for Ontario people to read about Monsieur Boivin, instead of Messieurs Bourassa, Lavergne and that ilk.

All the business men of the district have been giving special support to the recruiting work for the Fourth Forestry Draft, and this means that Mr. Boivin would be doing a little more than the average as a matter of course. Although his lumber industry has been running short-handed and he has been scouring the land for more help so badly needed, having teams in Timmins to convey any available men to his camp, Mr. Boivin took Lieut. Gordon down among the men at work and gave him every opportunity to secure recruits even among the men so urgently needed for Mr. Boivin's own immediate business. But when Mr. Boivin himself started in, talking French and English and Porcupine, to convince eligible men of their duty,—(and he did convince five of them),—then Lieut. Gordon felt almost like apologizing for the burden thus placed on Mr. Boivin. "Never mind," replied Mr. Boivin, "go to it! I can draw more men out here just as fast as you can take them away."

When Bourassa and Lavergne are quoted, quote Boivin. It is a great antidote. It is the bright side of life.

**FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR BY UNITED STATES.**

The formal declaration of war against Germany by the United States last week did not create any particular shock this far north, because it had been so long expected and so often reported that everybody was well accustomed to the idea. The United States Senate passed the war resolution with only six voting against it, while Congress voted 373 for and 50 against. Among the first moves of the United States since thus formally entering the war are the seizing of all German vessels in U.S. ports and the internment of the crews. Alien enemies are also being rounded up, and a form of compulsory service to raise an army of 1,000,000 is on the books.

**"THE WITCHING HOUR" AT THE NEW EMPIRE**

An Extraordinary Picture Play to be here April 20th and 21st.

C. Aubrey Smith, the David Warfield of the English stage, supported by the popular Jack Sherrill and Marie Shotwell, will be seen in the extraordinary cinema production of The Froham Amusement Corporation entitled "The Witching Hour," at the New Empire Theatre on Friday and Saturday, April 20th and 21st. This play was written by America's foremost dramatist, Augustus Thomas, and is reputed by all of the theatrical and screen critics to be a remarkable achievement, big vigorous and elaborate.

The theme of "The Witching Hour" is a popular one and has of late aroused much discussion among people in all walks of life, and deals particularly with the influences of the mind, without spoken or written word, over the forces of evil and

good. It is a beautiful preachment and, at the same time, one of the most wonderful and entertaining films ever released.

A majority of the supporting cast hail from the Southern States, and the fact that the locale of the production is Kentucky, would lead one to believe that the choice of southern actors was more than a coincidence.

In this production there are all the elements which tend to make an extraordinary photoplay, and it has been staged on an elaborate scale and with a finesse of detail not ordinarily dispensed upon photoplay productions. The love theme that runs throughout the picture is unusual for it carries the scenes of a love that was lost and regained.

The situations in "The Witching Hour" are tense and one can never tell what is to follow. It is replete with startling innovations and incidents that belie description and, being a virile, red-blooded introductory of the deepest interest from title to the finish.

**TIMMINS RED CROSS REPORT FOR MARCH**

Although the Christmas presents sent by the Timmins Branch of Canadian Red Cross Society were sent early in November to every boy who enlisted from Timmins, it has only been within the last few weeks that they have received acknowledgments from the boys overseas, each boy received from the Society socks, tobacco, pipe, cigarettes, chocolate, playing cards, gum and some french caps, private parcels were also sent through this Society. We also wish to thank the following donors:—Dayton Ostrosner, 12 pr. socks; W. R. Lowery, \$10.00 worth of tobacco; C. G. Cumming, cigars and cigarettes; Rock City Tobacco Co. of Quebec, for tobacco.

B. McINNIS, President.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held on April 3rd at 3 p.m. in their rooms in the new theatre building. There were sixteen members in attendance.

Letters were received from Messrs. Leslie Weldon, Corris, J. T. McMillan and W. S. Dobbs, who are now in the trenches, thanking the Red Cross Society for their Christmas parcels, which were much appreciated. Personal letters were also received by members of the Red Cross Society from the recipients.

The Red Cross rooms are open every Tuesday afternoon from 3 o'clock and anyone wishing to join will be heartily welcomed.

OLIVE GRUNSTON, Secretary.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

March 1st, Cash on hand...\$ 555.30  
Receipts:—  
March 6th, Porcupine Con. Pat. Club for January...\$ 462.50  
March 6th, Porcupine Con. Pat. Club for February...\$ 500.00  
March 6th, Mr. J. Cohen...\$ 25.00  
March 20th, Mrs. P. A. Robbins, membership fee...\$ 2.00  
Total...\$1544.80

Expenditures:—  
March 6th, Headquarters Can. Red Cross Society...\$ 600.00  
March 6th, Light and Power Co. ....\$ .75  
March 12th, J. P. McLaughlin .....\$ 104.28  
March 12th, Empire Theatre for rent .....\$ 25.00  
Total...\$ 730.03

Total Receipts...\$1544.80  
Total Expenditures...\$ 730.03

Balance...\$ 814.77  
EVA MaeDONALD,  
Treasurer.

Work done by Timmins Red Cross Society for March:—Mrs. Booker, 12 pillow slips; Mrs. N. J. Evered, 1 pr. pyjamas, 12 towels; Mrs. J. Faithful, 1 pr. socks; Mrs. Fiss, 12 pillow slips; Mrs. A. R. Globe, 2 prs. pyjamas; Stanley Globe, 2 wash cloths; Mrs. D. Grimston, 3 prs. socks, 2 helpless shirts, 3 prs. pyjamas; Mrs. Houghland, 1 pr. socks; Mrs. Jeffreys, 2 pr. socks; Mrs. Lawlor, 48 pillow slips, 38 towels; Mrs. G. Lowe, 12 towels, 6 housewives, 1 pr. pyjamas; Mrs. McInnis, 3 pr. pyjamas; Mrs. W. Pritchard, 1 pr. socks; Mrs. E. Pritchard, 1 trench cap; Mrs. P. A. Robbins, 24 pillow slips, 1 pr. pyjamas; Mrs. Studor, 3 pr. socks, 36 pillow slips, 1 pr. pyjamas; Mrs. Seeds, 3 pr. socks; Mrs. Regnall, 1 pr. socks; Mrs. R. Sims, 3 pr. socks; Mr. Towell, 2 pr. socks, 42 pillow slips; Mrs. C. G. Williams, 24 towels; Mrs. Skavlem, 3 pr. socks, 1 scarf; Mrs. Peters, cut 2 pr. pyjamas; Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Studor cut 58 pillow slips, 6 pr. pyjamas.

CHARLOTTE S. EVANS,  
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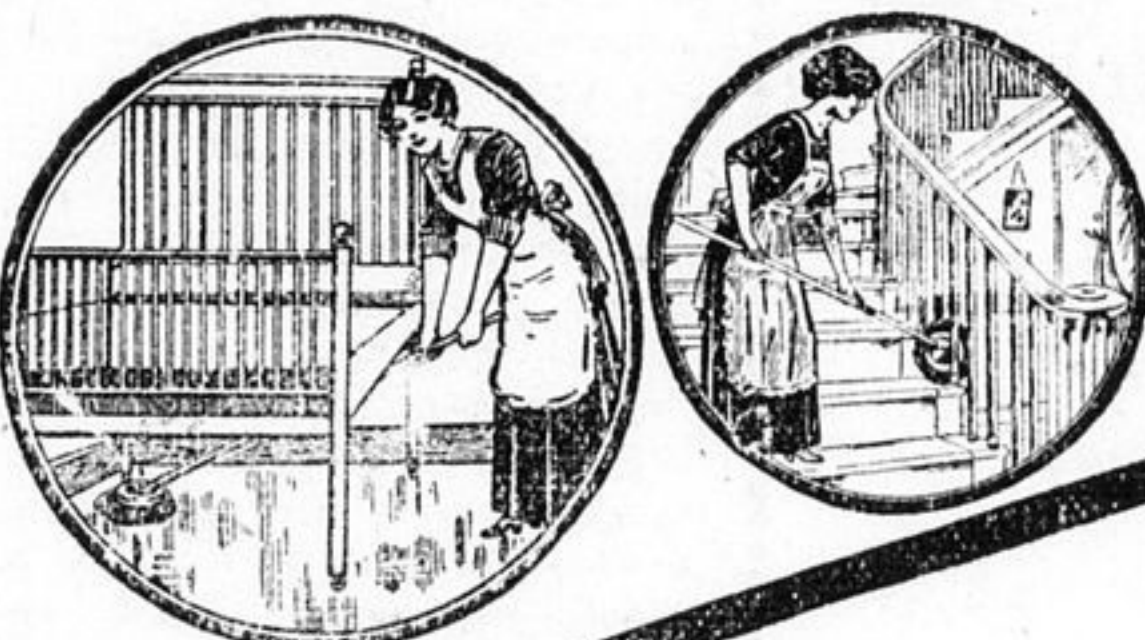
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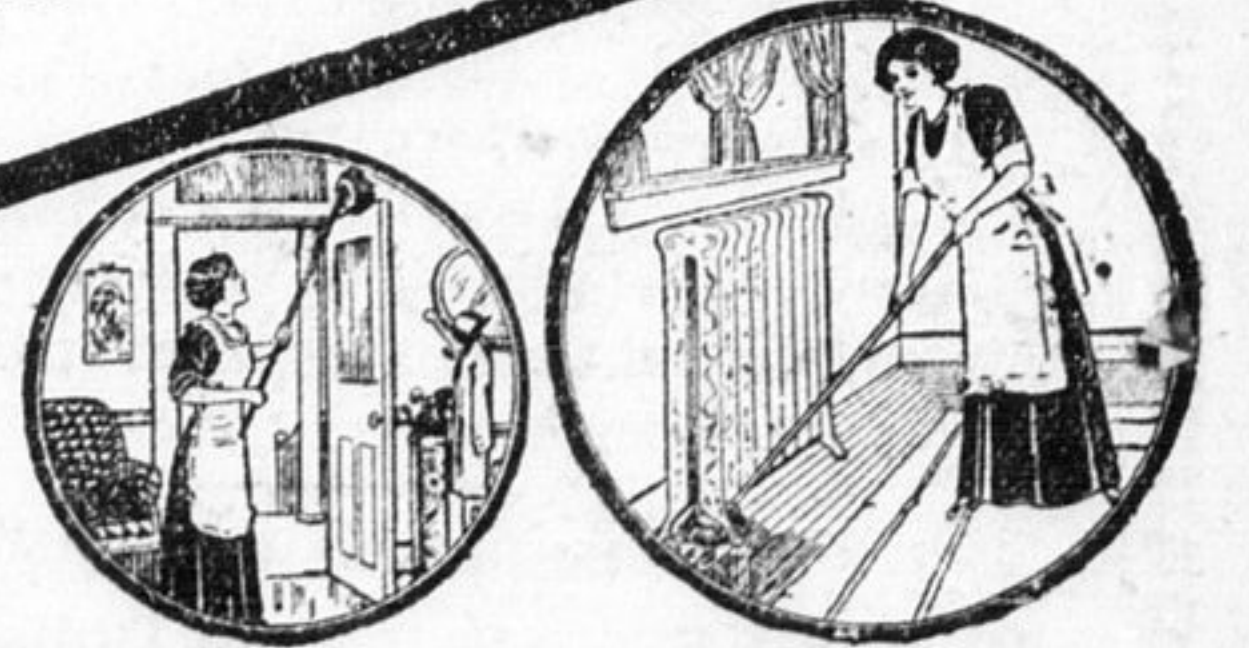
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