

FINNS IN CANADA



Among the recent interesting immigrants who have been coming to Canada from Europe there arrived a party of Finlanders, in care of Lieut. T. C. Wetton, F.R.G.S., F.R.C.I., of the Devonshire Regiment, Imperial Army, who had previously served as our Allies in the "Finnish Legion" in North Russia. These Finlanders with many of their compatriots had been driven out of Finland into North Russia when the Germans invaded their country. The "Finnish Legion" was formed from among these exiled Finns and rendered good service to the British force. The Legion was commanded by Lieut.-Col. R. E. J. Burton, O.B.E., of Toronto, formerly of the 8th Canadian (Winnipeg) Regiment. After the Armistice most of the Legionnaires were repatriated to Finland, but some Legion Details, including several refugees Finnish women and children, were left in charge of Lieut. Wetton who was one of the last to leave North Russia at the Allies Evacuation of that country. His chief Finnish officer under him was Oskari Tokoi, previously the first Prime Minister of Finland after the Russian Revolution. Later Lieut. Wetton was sent to Helsinki, Finland, where the repatriation of the Legionnaires was being carried out. Having suggested strongly to the British War Office that the remaining Legionnaires who were not repatriated to Finland should be given an opportunity to settle in Canada, Lieut. Wetton was placed in charge of these Finns on

their arrival in England last spring. Arrangements were eventually made for the Finns to come to Canada to work in the lumber camps, and Lieut. Wetton brought them over to North Temiskaming and got them satisfactorily placed at work in the bush. As he predicted, these Finns who rendered good work to the British general months' military training and discipline out there and are accustomed to work on the farm and in the woods in their own country, are now rapidly settling down well to their new conditions, are giving satisfaction in their work and give promise of developing into good settlers. Some of them are hoping later on to take up farming work. Most of them are single men, strong, hardy types of vigorous manhood, and accustomed to hard work. They are a very good type of settler. Some of them can speak very good English, others in addition to their native tongue can converse in Russian and in Swedish, whilst one of the men can speak fluently in Finnish, English, Russian, Swedish, Norwegian and is now learning French.

Lieut. Wetton has had a varied career, having served twice, as a volunteer in the South African War, and later writing two books on his campaign experiences. Afterwards immigrating to Canada from the staff of the Manitoba Free Press and as their special travelling correspondent he contributed to that

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Shrewdness of Japs.

An interesting illustration of Japanese shrewdness, which a Connecticut Yankee might envy, was given in a deal in copper. The war caused an extraordinary demand for this metal, and sent the price soaring. The coin still in common circulation in China is the copper "cash," and so small in value that a gold dollar will buy anywhere from 1,500 to 2,000 of them, according to the rate of exchange. In my travels in the interior of China I had to have an extra donkey to carry the cash needed for my party. The copper cash in the province of Shantung alone would weigh nearly 50,000 tons. To buy these cash of the Chinese, and sell them to the Europeans, who needed the copper for shells, would yield a handsome profit. The Japanese proceeded to do it. The Manchuria Daily News reported that in a single year the purchases amounted to 25,000 tons and the transaction was completed at a profit of 2,167,000 yen (\$1,083,500).—Asa Magazine.

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A Pertinent Query.

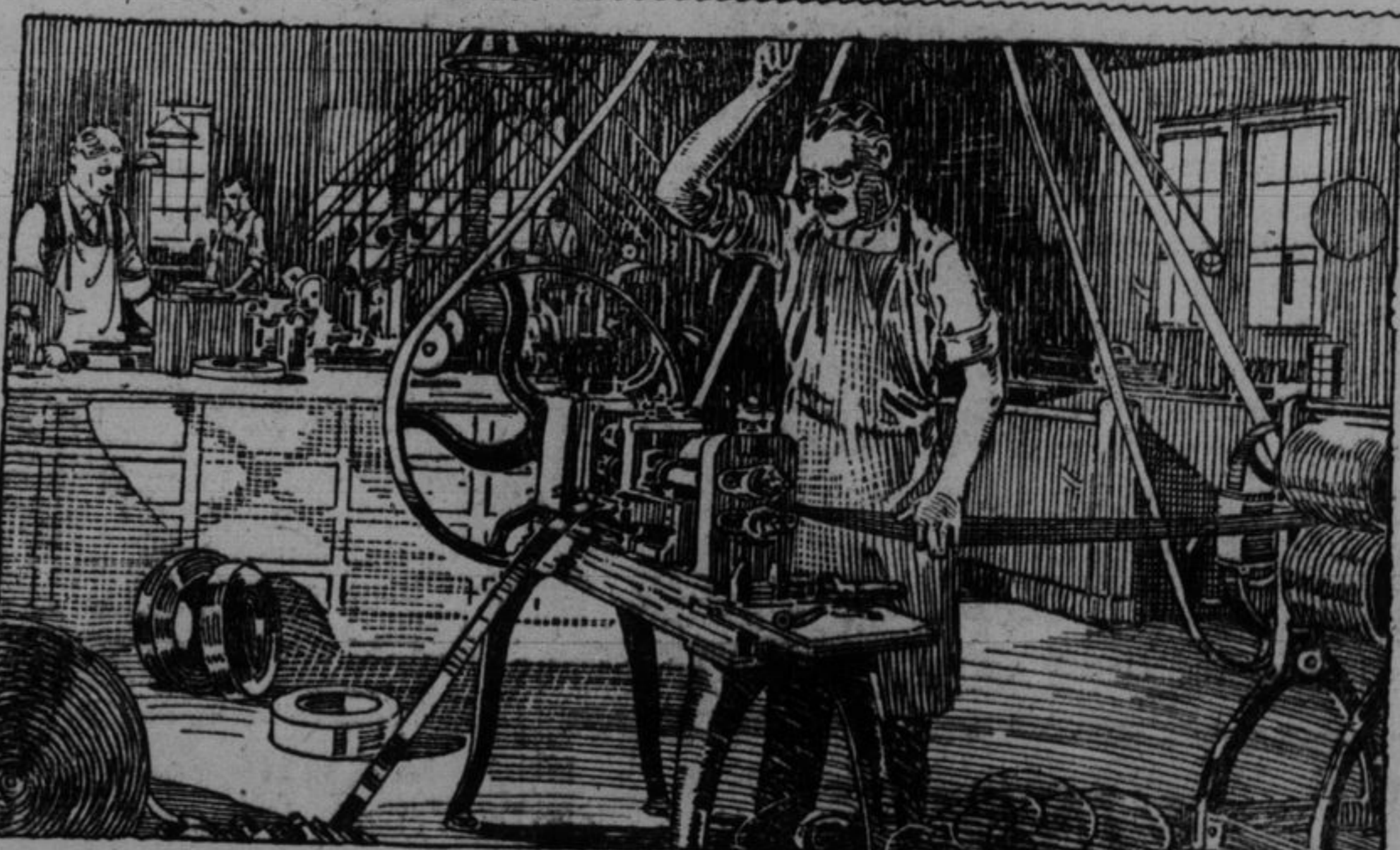
A cultivated Englishwoman who writes excellent verse and who, from her sense of beauty still clings fondly to her Swinburne and Wordsworth, was taken to a poetry society reception the other evening in New York. Not liking vers libre, she is not familiar with the names of its exponents, and during the evening the name of Amy Lowell came up for discussion.

"Amy Lowell! Amy Lowell! Who is Amy Lowell?" she asked. The young man in horn spectacles gazed at her scornfully and replied, "Amy Lowell is our leading poet." "Where, may I ask, is she leading you?" said the English lady.

One kind word for the living outweighs a storm of tears for the dead. A whole lot of times we reach success because others have faith in us.

You and I sometimes question God when we should question ourselves. Be quite sure when you push the man down the hill of your balance. The talking power many times gets the best of the thinking power. Your life may be a sort of a guide-board for others. Is it fit for one?

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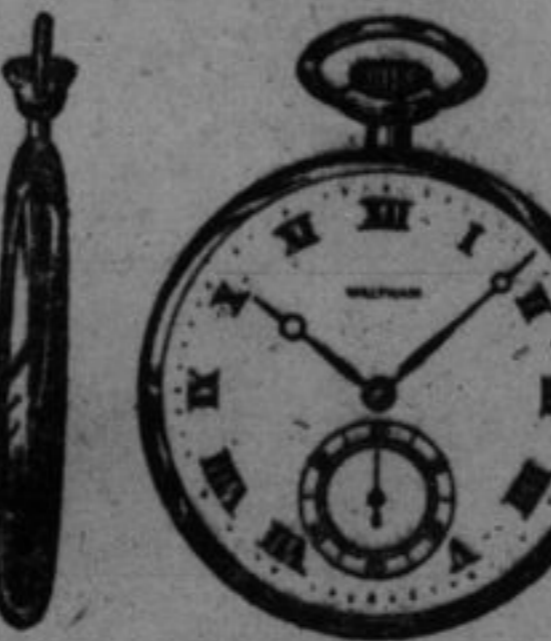
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