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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## THAT POLITICAL "TRUCE"

In the light of statements by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux at Rigaud on Sunday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier may either rebuke his protegee, who is also his former Postmaster General, or else revise his own opinions as to the sincerity with which his followers are observing that political "truce." Mr. Lemieux, in an impassioned speech, brimming with partisan references and the most inflammable sort of campaign material, declared that if it had not been for the action of the Governor General the Conservative Government would have gone to the country and plumed the people of Canada into, what the Telegraph would call the "tarnish of election strife." The Telegraph on Monday morning, by the way, did not publish the fact that the Liberals held a meeting at Rigaud on Sunday, and ignored the fiery statements of the former Postmaster General. This is but natural, for it would hardly serve the purpose of the paper to publish the statements of a man who is preaching political peace, and while Sir Wilfrid Laurier is making parade of his alleged desire to maintain a truce during the period of war, his lieutenants are busily fanning the fires of political hatred and doing their best to arouse party strife.

The Montreal Gazette, of Monday morning, reports the meeting at Rigaud, and while it says "the address delivered by the ex-Postmaster General was fairly non-political," it describes him as entering "into a criticism of the tariff, as adopted at the last session, saying that the war had given the Government an excuse for favoring the monopolists at the expense of the farmers and the consumers, and he held that the people as a whole were at the mercy of the manufacturers."

Further, we are told by the Gazette, that the ex-Postmaster General, in the course of his "non-partisan" address, admitted that Sir Robert Borden was an honest man and a high minded statesman and "had he been left to himself would never have dreamed of bringing on an election, but unfortunately the Prime Minister had been hypnotized by his Minister of Elections, the Hon. Robert Rogers, who assured him that the country would be carried in this manner. In April last there had been another alarm sounded, and Hon. Mr. Rogers had come to Montreal with many reasons why an appeal should be made to the people. Why were these plans not carried out? It was because of the veto of His Excellency, but it was the death of the noble sons of Canada at Langemark and St. Julien, the blood of those victims calling out as a protest against what would have been a crime."

The character of Mr. Lemieux's "non-partisan" utterances can best be judged from the excerpts quoted. Probably he thought it safe at Rigaud to indulge in what Sir Robert Borden declares to be "an unqualified falsehood," but after his own tribute to Sir Robert's honesty he should not be surprised if the Canadian people prefer to take the word of Borden the patriot, rather than that of Lemieux the partisan.

But, on the same platform with Mr. Lemieux, speakers at the same meeting, and, doubtless, encouraged by his presence were Mr. Gustav Boyer, Mr. P. for Vaudreuil and Mr. A. Verville, representative for Maisonneuve. Mr. Verville's opinion of the Canadian soldiers is best summed up in his remark that "The Minister, (Col. Hughes) may have in the militia a good many men, but I fail to see that they are what you call real soldiers, for this reason that, in the event of war, the great majority of them would not do much fighting." Langemark and Neuve Chapelle furnish sufficient rebuttal of Mr. Verville's statement, but in spite of this Mr. Lemieux was well satisfied to have this libel of Canadian manhood occupy the same platform with him and address the same gathering.

Mr. Boyer's address was also violently partisan. In connection with the appointment by the Borden Government of a military supply commission, he, while complimenting the Prime Minister for appointing such a commission said "it was an admission from the prime minister that his min-

isters were unfit to do the business of the country, and had to hand over the purchase of goods to other men.

The utterances quoted furnish a fair indication of the non-partisan character of the meeting which was graced by the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's lieutenant, and which was nothing more than a typical Grit talk-fest. Ordinarily the Telegraph would have lost no opportunity to spread its big type on what it would term a "scathing arraignment of an incompetent administration" but while that newspaper is trying to feed its readers on the false doctrine that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party are Simon pure advocates of a political truce, the man probably closest to the former premier, is preaching politics in company with two of the dirtiest birds in the Grit nest.

If the Telegraph is sincere in its professions of political peace it should repudiate the course of Mr. Lemieux and his associates; if Sir Wilfrid Laurier meant what he said when he made his alleged pledge to refrain from political discussions, binding by that pledge not only himself but the members of his party, then he should reason with his colleague and protegee. It is most annoying to the Telegraph and to the Grit patriots that newspaper supports, that a man of the standing in the Liberal party possessed by Mr. Lemieux should be engaging in political barn-storming tours in Quebec, and the Pugsley organ in St. John does not dare to publish the fact. If the ex-postmaster-general has no concern for the pledge of his leader, or for the truce itself, he should at least show some regard for the harrowed feelings of the Telegraph editor who is paid to preach peace while the "higher ups" in his party are busily furnishing the weapon of war and indulging in a pernicious brand of falsehood.

## THE PURCHASING COMMISSION.

When it is considered that the expenses of the Dominion of Canada in connection with the war have reached an enormous total in the vicinity of one million dollars per day, the wisdom of the course adopted in the appointment of a purchasing commission composed of experts is at once apparent. It was the very action one would expect from an honest, well-intentioned government, grappling with an unprecedented situation where the services of experts would be the most valuable, and the fact is that the better people of the country have already expressed their appreciation of the policy. But Mr. Gustav Boyer, in company with Mr. Lemieux, who addressed that meeting at Rigaud, to which the Telegraph did not dare to refer, in the course of his non-partisan address contended that the appointment of the purchasing commission was an admission on the part of the Prime Minister that his own ministers were unfit to do the business of the country. Liberal newspapers have also attacked the government for the action on the ground that it has "abdicated its functions." The briefest sort of reflection will show the absurdity of the claim for the Government is responsible for the acts of an ordinary civil servant. The three business men who have been called upon to buy the supplies will probably do the work with greater skill and economy than could be expected from the officials of any government department.

It is also interesting to know that in England scores of experts are employed for the same purpose, not such experts as Sir Wilfrid Laurier engaged to build the National Transcontinental Railway via a lawyer, a grain dealer and a paper bag manufacturer, but men of experience in the lines they are called upon to purchase. Yet no one in England has thought of blaming the ministry for this very wise and business-like action. In the case of the National Transcontinental Sir Wilfrid Laurier sought to excuse the graft and crookedness on the plea that he had a poor head for business. The Borden Government seeks shelter behind no such excuse. It is determined that Canada shall get the last dollar of value for all money spent and in its appointment of a purchasing commission places the spending in the hands of public-spirited qualified

business men, responsible to the Government and working in accord with the members of the cabinet, but who are able to give to the country the benefit of wide business experience. It is an altogether businesslike proceeding and attracts Liberal condemnation only because it is so radically different from the methods followed during the Laurier-Pugsley regime, when graft and rake off were the principal considerations, and the country was treated to the Trent Valley scandals, the "sawdust" wharf deal and others of similar character.

## ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN DIED YESTERDAY

### Head of Catholic Archdiocese of Manitoba—Came to Montreal to attend funeral of schoolmate.

Montreal, June 15.—The Most Rev. Louis Philippe Adolphe Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface, Manitoba, died in the Hotel St. Joseph this morning at 8 o'clock.

The deceased prelate had assisted only a few days ago at the funeral of his old schoolmate and friend, the late Judge Simon Heald, and his illness was not regarded as serious until late last night. He had been in poor health about a year. He was in his sixtieth year.

He went to Winnipeg as rector of St. Mary's church there in 1893 and succeeded the late Archbishop Tache as Archbishop of St. Boniface in 1895. For twenty years the late Archbishop had been the leader of the agitation for an improvement in the Catholic school situation affecting Catholics, working to that end both here and in Rome.

The remains of the late Archbishop Langevin will be taken to St. Boniface, Winnipeg, for interment. The body will remain in the Hotel St. Joseph until 3:30 on Wednesday afternoon, when it will be taken to the Cathedral. A service will be held there on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Archbishop Bruchési.

Archbishop Langevin's remains will be carried by St. C. P. R. Windsor station, and from there they will be taken west. Cardinal Begin and Archbishop Bruchési will accompany the body to Winnipeg.

## PERSONAL.

His Lordship Bishop Richardson passed through the city this morning on his way to Rethel to attend the closing exercises at Netherwood School. He returned in the afternoon to St. John.

Mr. Frank O'Regan returned from Montreal yesterday morning where he has been confined in a hospital for some time. He is greatly improved and his friends are giving him a hearty welcome.

Dr. T. D. Walker returned to the city yesterday after spending the winter in Cuba, the Southern States and California, where he attended the Panama exposition.

Mrs. J. Bell Dunlop has returned from a trip to the fair and California. Dr. H. C. Wetmore, Deputy Receiver General, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Canada, London, June 15: Mrs. Malcolm McAvity, wife of Major McAvity, 24th Infantry, Brigade Headquarters, has arrived at Folkestone from St. John, N. B., to be near her husband. Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., has been elected a member of the British Royal Colonial Institute.

Mr. James McMonagle, of the Post Office staff, returned to his home on Acadia street this morning, after a stay of three weeks at the General Hospital where he was undergoing treatment.

Miss Maud Cunningham and Miss Lydia Simpson left on the Montreal train on Monday evening to take passage to England, where they will visit Miss Cunningham's brother, who left St. John in the 62nd detachment. He is a sergeant signaller, and despite repeated efforts to get to the firing line has been detained as an instructor by the military authorities.

Lieut. Lionel Teed, son of Mr. M. G. Teed, of this city, has returned to St. John from Kingston, Ont., where he has been taking a course in the Royal Military College.

Lieut. Lionel Greene of Fredericton is the guest of Miss Vere Maxwell, Renfrew.

A card was received in the city yesterday from Richard L. McKee, son of Jas. L. McKee, of this city. The former reports that conditions at Valcartier where he is, with the 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles, are ideal.

## OBITUARY.

James Ingraham.

The death of James Ingraham took place yesterday at his home 55 City road after a brief illness. He was well known in the city and leaves a family of small children. His brothers, Hugh, William, Arthur and Harry, reside in the city. His sister, Mrs. William Bolton, also lives here.

Mr. Ingraham was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters and was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral will take place this afternoon from his residence at 2:15 o'clock. There will be service in St. Paul's church at 3:30.

## NEWCASTLE NOTES.

Newcastle, June 15.—The Newcastle Boy Scouts, J. J. Anderson, scout master; Jack Nicholson, Hudson street; Laurence Fitzmaurice, Randall McLean

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Me and Puds Simkins etch had a sent today, and we was standing outside of a big candy store looking at awl the different kinds of candy in the window, sum of them having sines awn saying how much they was a pound, but nun of them saying how awl pieces you got for a sent.

Wat kind are you going to get, Puds sed.

Im going to get sum of those caramels, they look as if youd get a lot for a sent, I sed, wat kind are you going to get.

Im going to get sum of those littel chocklits wuns, I bet you get moar of those for a sent than wat you do caramels, sed Puds.

I bet you dont, I bet you get 6 caramels for a sent, I sed.

Well, I bet you get 10 littel chocklits for a sent, anyway, sed Puds.

And we went inside the store, beeing a grate big place full of looking glasses and having so much candy in it you woodent se how they cood evir sell it awl, with maybe they dont, and after we had bin standing there a wile, a big lady with glazis awn her nose calm up behind the countr and sed, Well, littel boys?

I saw some caramels in the window but I dont see them in heer, I sed.

And I dont see the littel chocklits, sed Puds. And he startid to hunt for the littel chocklits and I startid to hunt for the caramels, taking us a lawn wile awn akount of it, countr beeing so lawng, and after a wile we found them rife near each other, and I pointed to the caramels, saying, How many of these do you get for a sent.

Nun, sed the lady, we dont sell a sents werth.

How many of these littel chocklits do you get for a sent, sed Puds.

Nun, we dont sell a sents werth of anything, sed the lady.

And me and Puds went out of the store agens Puds saying I woodent buy there old candy if they gave it away.

Neethr wood I, I sed. And we went erround to Mommy Simkinses and etch got a littel thinfur of jelly beans for a sent, me getting 13 jelly beans and Puds getting 14, Puds awlways beeing lucky as anything.

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Recitation—The Habitant's Jubilee, Miss Dorothy Nicholson, Song—Miss Marton MacArthur, Miss Robinson, accompanist.

Address.....Rev. S. J. MacArthur, God Save the King.

## A REAL ATHLETE.

Jim Prokes the well known wrestler, who has made many friends in the city by the square manner in which he contested in the different matches here, left on the Boston train last evening for Lowell, Mass., where he resides. Prokes first arrived in St. John last fall with an open challenge to meet all comers, and has been successful in defeating all who came here to meet him. Harry Ludecke, Emil Pons, Strangle Lewis and Charlie Allen were all quite easily defeated.

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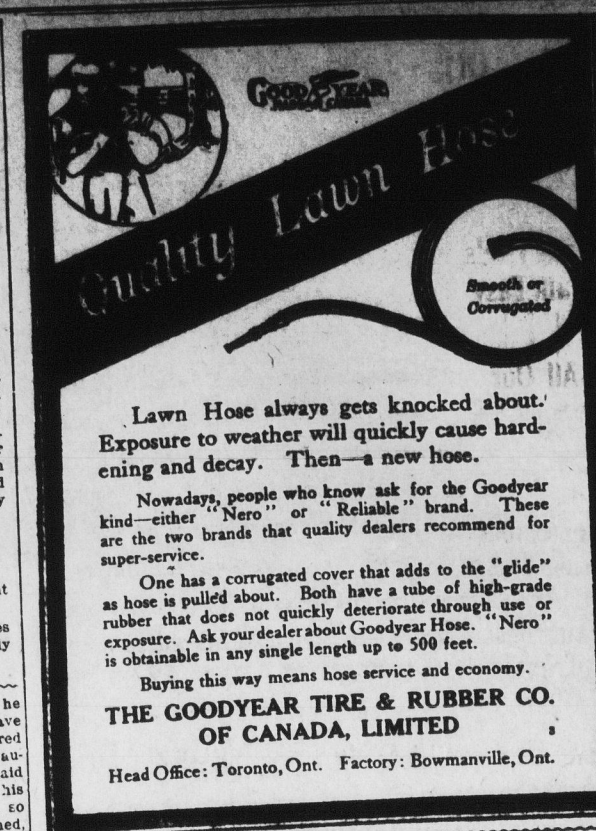
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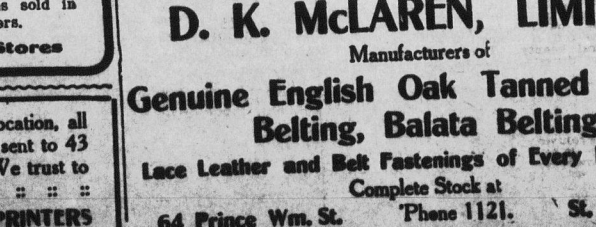
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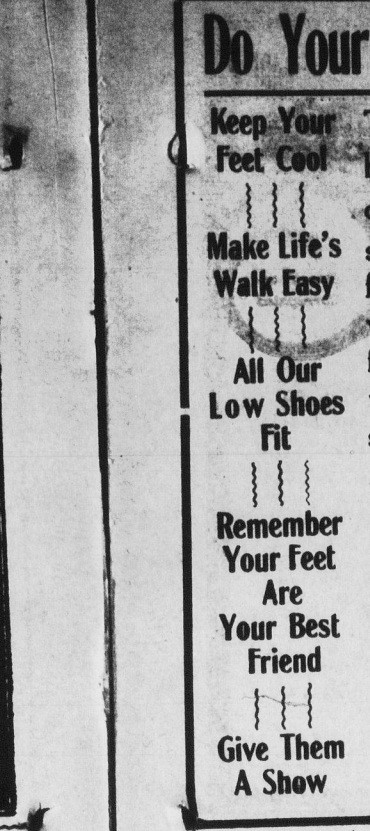


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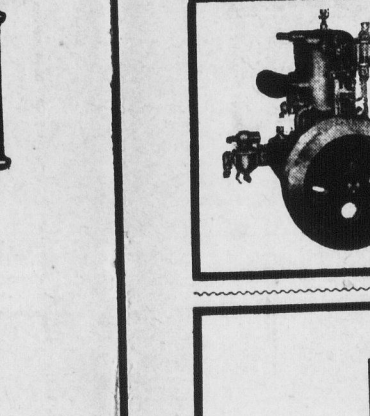
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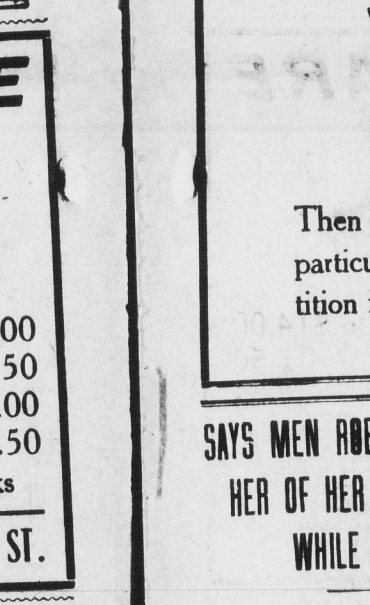
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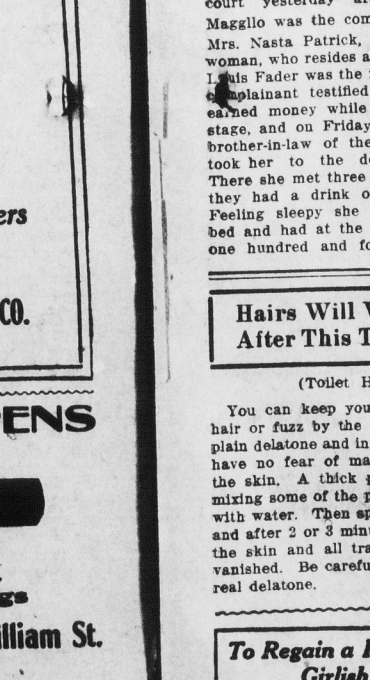
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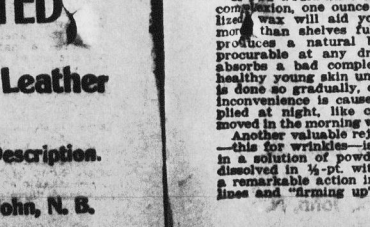
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