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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1917.

"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.

THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

Reports from Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec are to the effect that the demonstrations against conscription, which have been promoted by Liberal clubs and other organizations having for their purpose the advancement of the Laurier brand of Liberalism, are losing their violence despite the fact that agitators like Marsil and Lavergne continue to indulge in their ravings. This may be taken as evidence that the rank and file of the French-Canadians in Quebec are coming to their senses, that they realize the complete absurdity of the canvasses against compulsory service and that they place less dependence in the perfidious utterances of fanatical demagogues.

This is well, for it is decidedly unfair to judge the sentiment of the whole province of Quebec by the actions or utterances of Montreal corner-loafers or back street toughs. Agitators will find temporary hearing in practically any centre of population, but if they continue to hold forth it will be found that those who listen and applaud night after night are seldom the sane and sane citizens of Quebec, in common with other provinces in Canada probably possess its full quota of slackers, ill-fingered gentlemen who have too much respect for their own skins to risk them on the battlefields of France and Flanders. These men fear conscription, and they have reason to do so, no matter whether domiciled in Quebec, or Montreal, or Toronto, or St. John—and this city has many of them—for they will be the first taken.

However Quebec is not all made up of slackers, or agitators and it is no more right to judge the spirit of that province by the ravings of Marsil or Lavergne than it would be to judge the spirit of England by the sublimated nonsense of Bernard Shaw, or the United States by the pacifist twaddle of William Jennings Bryan.

It has been said that Quebec has not contributed as liberally to the Canadian armies as other parts of Canada. In general that is true, but it should also not be forgotten that the western provinces, particularly where the best recruiting showing was made, contained many residents of English birth, naturally the first to rally to the flag. The parts of Quebec where recruiting is at its lowest contain practically no English population but the shortage there is charged against the whole province.

The French-Canadians should be expected to bear their full share of the burden of this war in common with their English-Canadian brothers. As yet there is no evidence that they will not cheerfully do so. The fact that demonstrations have been held, and that cranks have found audiences willing to listen while they indulge in foolish and untrue canvasses may reflect upon the character of the speakers and the intelligence of their audiences but cannot be construed into a wholesale charge of disloyalty against the whole province. This newspaper is not without hope that Quebec will rise to its opportunity and that, in the future as in the past, its sons will be found in that army which has won the praise of all humanity not as being from Quebec, or Ontario, or the Maritime Provinces, or the West, but as "THE MEN FROM CANADA AND THE FINEST FIGHTERS IN THE WORLD."

CREATING ANOTHER OFFICE.

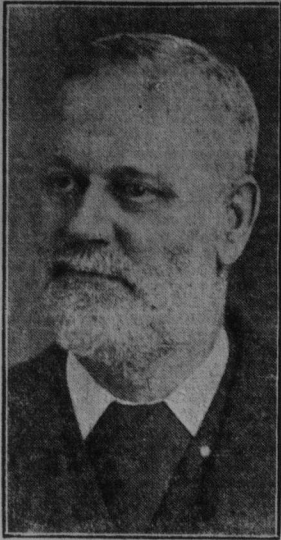
The Carter government is not to be commended upon the haste with which it rushed through the bill providing for the appointment of a deputy Attorney-General for New Brunswick. Nor does the fact that it considered the proposal at all show it to be possessed of a zeal for economy. Gentlemen who have held the office of Attorney-General in the past have not found it necessary to have a deputy, although they have employed counsel to represent the province in cases coming up for trial during the period of the legislative sessions.

There will be general agreement in the suggestion that cabinet ministers as well as men in less exalted stations feel the pinch of the increased cost of living, and consequently, a measure to increase their remuneration might be reasonable. Particularly would a hold good in the case of the Attorney-General, and more especially he is to be deprived of the fees attaching to the collection of succession duties. But, in war time, it should not be the aim of any government to increase the number of public officials unless there is urgent need for such a course and, if the Carter government can give no better reasons for the creation of the office of deputy Attorney-General than appeared in the debate

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF A PROMINENT MERCHANT

Demise of James Pender, Head of James Pender & Co., Ltd., Regretted by Very Wide Circle of Friends.

In the sudden death of James Pender, yesterday morning, St. John loses one of its most prominent merchants, and popular citizens. His health had



The Late James Pender

not been good for about a year, and he had an attack of paralysis in January but he was about the city as late as Monday last and his sudden demise was unexpected.

The late Mr. Pender was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. James Pender was born in Peterborough, Ontario, in 1848. When he came to St. John he started as a clerk with Messrs. T. McAvity and Sons. He spent six years with Messrs. I. and F. Burpee in the iron business and in 1873 went into partnership with E. R. Moore in the making of cut nails. In 1877 he went into the manufacture of horseshoe nails on his own account and a few years later took the late W. O. Purdy into partnership. The firm of James Pender and Co., Ltd., was organized in 1892 and Mr. Pender remained at the head of the firm until his death.

For many years he was an active member of the Board of Trade. Mr. Pender was married in 1872 to Miss Charlotte E. Horner, by whom he has survived. One daughter, Mrs. Chas. W. Baillie, and one son, J. Vance, now in the United States, also survive. In religion Mr. Pender was a Presbyterian.

The funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 256 St. James street.

ANOTHER N. B. HERO

Robin A. Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hawkins, of Grafton, N.B., was killed on April 9th when the Can-



adians bravely stormed and captured Vimy Ridge. The young hero was 13 years of age, enlisted with the 104th Battalion and was with the 5th C.M.R. when he was killed.

FORMER ROTHESAY TEACHER KILLED

Lieut. Jack Brown Loses Life in Action on Loyalist Day.

Montreal, May 20.—News of the death of Lieut. J. S. (Jack) Brown of Quebec has been received. He was killed in the war. He was an old McGill boy who had many friends in Montreal. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of Quebec, who have been informed that he made the supreme sacrifice on May 15.

Lieut. Brown graduated with honors in arts at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, in 1910, and taught classics in Rothsay Collegiate School, New Brunswick for two years.

plant and equipment. With this deducted, also \$66,050 for bond interest, \$44,500 for sinking fund, and \$91,000 for preferred dividend, the balance remaining to be carried forward to the surplus account was \$88,593, against \$32,572 the previous year. That is the net surplus available for common stock represented earnings at the rate of 5.1 per cent, against 1.8 per cent, in 1915-16.

Little Benny's Note Book.

The invisibles played the Park Wonders yesterday afternoon, my cousin Artie goat Lobster being mascot for the invisibles, and we tied Lobster to a tree on the end of a rope, the Park Wonders playing extra good on account of having new uniforms, and they beat the invisibles 34 to 26, and after the game was over everybody started to pick up their things, and the Park Wonders captain started to look all around, saying, Ware the heels my cap, ware the heels my cap?

And everybody started to help him look for it, the Park Wonders catcher saying, Ware did you put it, Sam?

I throo it rite down heer alongside of this heer tree, sed the Park Wonders catcher. Meening the tree that Lobster was tied to, and he looked at Lobster, and Lobster looked back at him, and everybody kepp on hunting around, and atfir a wile the Park Wonders captin came back and looked at Lobster agen, saying, Darn it all, I bet that there goat went and ate up my cap.

Aw, wat woud he want to eat your cap for, with all this grass and everything around? sed Artie. And the Park Wonders captin kepp on hunting another little wile and then he came and looked at Lobster agen, saying, There you are, there you are, theres the button from it on his wiskers, hes a heck of a mascot, he is.

And the Park Wonders captin pulled the button off of Lobsters wiskers, Lobster jest standing there looking as if he woudnt know a cap if he saw one, and Artie sed, Well, wat of it, jest because hes got the button that dont say he had the hole cap, does it?

Sure it does, yelled all the Park Wonders. All of them having put together to buy the uniforms, and they got so mad about it that the invisibles took up a collection of 11 sents and gave them to the Park Wonders captin.

ECONOMY NOT A WORD IN THE GOVERNMENT'S DICTIONARY

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cerned. He quoted from the auditor-general's reports to show that the total commissions paid for the collection of succession duties in eight years had amounted to \$18,764.55, an average of \$2,345.57, during the same period the sum of \$12,645.55 had been paid to outside lawyers for criminal prosecutions, being an average of \$1,580.69 per year.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that over \$4,000 had been paid out between October 31st of last year and May 10th of this year.

Major Tilley continuing stated that the two averages he had made out totalled \$3,918.23. Presuming that the deputy attorney-general was paid a salary of two thousand a year, as heretofore criminal prosecutions were to be conducted by legal friends of the government, there would be an actual saving to the province of just \$338.00 per year. He thought it no

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more than right that the matter should be placed before the public in its true light. The bill was agreed to.

Fugitive Chased Over Mileage that Would Circle the Globe Six Times Wanted if in St. John.—See Page 3.

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