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THE WAR LOAN.

"Let everyone at home picture to himself the sacrifice, courage and endurance of the sailors on sea and the soldiers in the trenches, who are preserving us and our homes from ruin, starvation and devastation, and then let him ask himself, 'What am I doing to help? Can I by some self-denial hasten the end by my contribution, however small? The man who contributes is doing his bit, and the man who makes no effort to contribute is a shirker.'"

The above quotation is from an appeal by Sir Edward Carson to the British public in support of the latest British war loan. The words, so powerful and direct, so nobly responded to by the men of Britain, splendidly put forward the case for the new loan about to be raised in Canada. Every dollar subscribed by the humble citizen of the Dominion to the nation's latest appeal will be an encouragement for our soldiers suffering hardships and perils in the trenches.

Failure of a Canadian war loan at this juncture would bring comfort and renewed hope in Berlin. It would be interpreted by the Empire, by our Allies and the world, as a sign of wavering Canadian resolution when faced with the final test. Let every man, then, prepare to do his utmost to make the loan the greatest possible success. Let us serve notice to the world that we are in this fight to the end. If we cannot, in this noblest of causes, offer our lives, let us at least prove that we gladly give our treasure. It is a privilege which, to use Sir Edward Carson's words, none but the "shirker" will miss.

CONCERNING POTATOES

The Montreal Herald is somewhat vigorous in its remarks on the potato situation, and its remarks will be read with interest by the growers as well as the consumers in New Brunswick.

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A Recipe.—An Irishman who is noted for his wit went into a public-house the other day called for a glass of beer. The tumbler was not full enough for Pat's satisfaction, so he quietly asked the publican how many barrels of beer he sold in a week. "Ten replied the publican. "I think," replied Pat, "if yer stand me a pint I could put yez on a plan to sell eleven barrels a week."

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Editor of the Graphic Dear Sir:

We think that nearly every man in the Province will be familiar with the Road and Crown Land Policy of the newly elected party. We hear much said for and against it. We know its difficulty to get any public matter clear out of politics, but we should aim as far as possible to do so considering that government management of those two very important matters has been not only a complete failure but a snare and a stumbling block to many and if the present haphazard methods are not discontinued, will be the certain ruin of this province. But will confine myself to the matter of our Roads. The intention is that every school district will manage its own piece of road and spend its own road tax thereon. Mr. D. A. Stewart nomination day said that would not be fair that way, the Shives Lumber Co., paid such large road tax it would not be fair to spend it all in the district where it was collected. Does he not know that where there is business there is traffic and the expenditures thereon must be in proportion? Does he not remember that when the Hon. C. H. LaBillois was Chief Commissioner about \$1000, was spent on the road between the Mill Creek and Richard's mills? This was government money besides the road tax there collected and does he not remember that in the summer of 1914 the same piece of road was all covered with stone at the cost of the government. I am sure no man who ran an automobile or drove a team on it will forget—many had their tires damaged and the Harquail Co. had to send out their own men to break the stone, their horses feet got so sore they had to put moccasins or something on to protect their feet. This was allowed to go on until a few days before the council election—they then turned out a crowd of men and horses to put some fine gravel on it, but were too late for the council election that time. This is the way all road work has been done between the Blair and Malcolm road and Campbellton. If they have stone they will put on stone, if mud they will put mud. But Sir, what I want to show is that it will take all the money collected from the Shives and Richards Co's. for road purposes to keep the road from their mills to town in good order and a large amount of government aid besides.

I think we have disposed of that argument. But their are—or maybe trouble, but there should not be.

Suppose one school district does their road work well and the adjoining district does not. What is to be done—where does the automobile men come in—they are to stand good for this million dollars that is to assist in getting those permanent roads. They are no going to allow themselves to be heavily taxed and drive over stones and mud. They will have to form an association in every county and have some say in the matter.

I am not in the meantime going to give them advice further than to say that when the new government is making their road law they should see that they are represented.

I fully trust that all will unite in making good roads. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has anything to say on this very important matter.

Yours Truly, JOHN DICKIE, Point La Plin, N. B.

Dear Editor:—

There is a family (Diamond) who live near Black Lands Siding, the older members of this family are able to work for a living if they were allowed to do so, but they only go around from house to house each and every day begging. They came from Dalhousie or vicinity.

Now the stepfather, George Diamond, is in goal in Dalhousie, the

family, led by the mother, make frequent trips to and from Dalhousie.

Two little boys and one girl, about fifteen years old with her baby of six or seven weeks or so, comprise this family. Persons seeing these little boys, the younger being only four or five years old from appearance, travelling to Dalhousie and returning the third day; and hearing the language used and the cries of the little lad from exhaustion must feel that there is a place here in our midst for Home Mission work.

There is a Rescue Home in Sydney, there is a Maritime Home for Girls in Truro, and there ought to be a farm or some institute in Restigouche into which persons who can work but will not be placed and compelled to earn their livelihood.

Surely there are men in this County who have authority to deal with such cases and if not, no time should be lost in having this matter attended to, that the poor little ones may be safeguarded and put in a position to become good citizens.

What a menace to society such cruelty is, for is not idleness a potent friend of vice. This child-mother ought to be sent to some of our homes or schools, where she may have a chance to reform. As citizens of Restigouche we ought to do what we can to help the unfortunate and incompetent among us.

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