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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1918.

"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.

STERN MEASURES NECESSARY.

Stern measures must be taken at once to prevent the recurrence of such outbreaks as those reported from the City of Quebec, where gangs of hoodlums, angered at the operation of the Military Service Act, destroyed property, endangered human life and set at temporary defiance all constituted authority.

While Canadians overseas are pouring out their blood like water in defence of the Empire, Canadians at home must see to it that success attends no attempt to interfere with putting into effect the will of the people. In December last the people of Canada, by the most impressive majority in our history, decided that we are in this war to stay to the last man and the last dollar. With the exception of Quebec all the provinces of Canada have come loyally up to requirements and the St. Lawrence province cannot be permitted to defy the remainder of the confederation.

We know that outbreaks such as those reported from the Quebec capital this morning do not represent the real spirit of that splendid province; rather it is likely that in Quebec, as in Montreal, the demonstrators were hoodlums and ordinary law-breakers. They must be punished and at once. No effort should be spared to demonstrate to the slacker who are disposed to resist the Military Service Act in Quebec or elsewhere that this country has gone too far and suffered too deeply to permit a cessation of the war effort now. This is no time for trifling. The rowdies must be brought severely to task no matter what part of Canada houses them. To support and co-operate with those in charge of the administration of the law of the land is the plain duty of every citizen no matter what the consequences may be.

THE PUBLIC ROADS.

A letter from a correspondent in the Parish of Cardwell, Kings county, published this morning, merits careful perusal. The writer asks pertinent questions concerning expenditures on permanent roads in that parish, and, from enquiries in the Legislature during the past few days, it is a fair assumption that in many other parts of the province a great curiosity is manifested as to the return actually received for the money squandered on our public roads since the Foster government assumed direction of our affairs.

Mr. Veniot now has before the Legislature what he terms a new road act. Its commendable features were taken bodily from the road policy enunciated by the Minister of Public Works in the last administration. It has many faults, but whether faulty or good, will be of no effect unless its enforcement is characterized with much more activity than the Minister displayed last summer. Not all the roads in this province are bad; on the contrary, it is asserted that in the County of Gloucester, Mr. Veniot's constituency, a large amount of money has been expended and much work undertaken. But this is an isolated instance. Generally it is true to say that not for many years were our highways in such bad shape as last autumn after the conclusion of the Foster government's first summer of road-making.

In his address to the Legislature on the introduction of his road bill, the Minister of Public Works stated that he had travelled thousands of miles over our roads. Evidently he has seen them at their worst, so now he can have no excuse for not improving their condition. Cases such as that complained of by our Cardwell correspondent will not serve to add to the store of public confidence in Mr. Veniot or in his ability to grapple with the situation.

THE FOOD SITUATION.

It is interesting to note that the new food regulations were issued from the office of the Canada Food Board in Ottawa on the very day that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, speaking in the House of Commons, declared that while the cost of food control was in the vicinity of \$200,000 per year that office had not justified the money spent on it. Provisions for the regulation of what the people shall buy and eat, in a democratic country such as Canada, cannot be framed in a day or a week. Careful consideration must be given to every phase and the task involves more than the preparation of a list of food-stuffs which we know our armies and the people of overseas allied countries require and find difficulty in obtaining in sufficient quantity, and the statement that we shall not set any

of the articles mentioned in that list until we are assured that he needs of the Empire have been met.

In preparing the most recent set of food regulations the authorities have acted with care and with due consideration of all interests. At present the rules apply only to public eating houses, but after they have become familiar to the public in that connection will be applied to private houses. Thus, by easy stages, the nation will be practically put upon war rations. That such a step is necessary should, in itself, be sufficient to bring home to every man and woman in the country the seriousness of the situation, but it is doubtful if, even with such regulations in force, the complete situation will be generally understood. Dr. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the production department of the Food Board for that section of Canada east of the Great Lakes, addressed the members of the Provincial Legislature and a number of agriculturists assembled in Fredericton to meet him during the present week, and it is safe to say that those who listened to his graphic description of conditions and heard authoritative statements as to the probable duration of the food shortage were more determined than ever to play their full part in increasing the surplus of foods available for overseas export.

In the address of Professor Robertson and the regulation of the Food Board we have both angles of the present situation. The demand of the hour is for increased food production, and diminished food consumption. To do truly effective work Canadians must labor in both directions; they must grow more and eat less. As shown by the results that have already attended the efforts of the Food Board the consumption of food can be reduced by regulation with punishment provided for those who fail to comply. Food production can scarcely be increased by the same methods. Thus while the Food Board regulates consumption Dr. Robertson appeals to the patriotism and sound sense of Canadians to join in increasing the output of our acres.

It is stated authoritatively that food conditions will not reach normal in a shorter time than two, and possibly three years. This means that for 1918, 1919 and possibly 1920 the people of this country must turn their whole attention to the task of feeding millions unable to feed themselves. It is not necessary at this time to go into the causes of food shortage. Generally it is due to the withdrawal of hundreds of thousands of men from productive employment and placing them in the fighting lines, a condition inseparable from war. The cause of the condition matters little, the important fact is that a condition exists in which the duty of every man and woman is plain. While the people of Britain willingly go on half rations in order that the troops may be fed, we in Canada can well afford to shorten sail. The regulations of the Food Control Board must be cheerfully obeyed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RULE OF THE ROAD

To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir,—Nova Scotian still persists in attributing to me the statement that the Loyalists Party brought our present rule of the road to the Minister of Public Works, and in support of his assertion quotes a passage from a letter of mine in which I did not say so. I had said that I had said so, I would have contradicted the context, as well as stated an evident untruth; for the settlers who came with Cornwallis in 1749 and the New England immigrants of 1759 must have brought the same rule with them, and so must every immigrant from the Old Country down to the latest arrival. Whether the French followed the other rule previous to the cession of Acadia in 1714 Nova Scotian probably knows better than I do. But he unfairly quoted me to prove that he and his coadjutors were trying to restore an old rule, abolished by the Loyalists.

ROADWORK IN CARDWELL

Penobscot, N. B., March 29.

To the Editor, The Daily Standard.

Sir,—In regard to permanent roads in the Parish of Cardwell, Kings County, I see by the report of the Minister of Public Works that the large amount of \$1,711.19 has been expended in this parish up to the close of the official year, October 31st. Of that amount \$484.31 was spent on ordinary roads, Mr. Stuart, supervisor, and \$1,226.88 was spent on permanent roads, so-called.

I also see by the report that there has to be a second or special supervisor, viz. R. C. McQuinn, to see that the money is properly spent, also that part of the grant will remain in the hands or pockets of the supporters of this business-like government. Mr. McQuinn appears to have outdone his associate in having spent \$706.35. Mr. Stuart spending \$585.75. To be ad-

ded to this would be the salary of two supervisors which would be probably \$400 more. Do the electors consider that this money was wisely expended, and what was the need of a second party in this small parish, especially as the work was done in and around the village? I would like to find out just what part of this work would come under the head of permanent roads. Might I ask would it be that section of the road built from the village to the Baptist church under the supervision of R. C. McQuinn?

If this is a permanent road Mr. Veniot got a cheap advertisement for no less than six autos were hauled out of it in one day. Antons took the side of the road and fields and it must be remembered that this particular piece of road was in an excellent condition when Mr. Veniot took charge, and had been for years.

This letter may be of interest to the voters of the parish and general public. I wish that I may have an answer to this question: How much permanent road was built here in 1917?

ENQUIRER.

A BIT OF VERSE

'EN AVANTI!

Forward Canadians,
Forward to the fray,
Hearken to the bugle call—
Don't stop for a delay.
Can't you hear the mothers' weeping?
Can't you see your brothers sleeping?
Can't you hear the tyrants, sweeping
on, on, on?

Onward, ye men of death,
Let him stay who will—
We are sons of Canada,
And we love her still.
Don't stop for a delay,
The Homeland must surely hear,
Of the boys she holds so dear,
We will win or die.

Through the mud of Flanders,
With many a weary sigh,
Yet "Tipperary" holds the sway,
And so we'll fight and die.
Enough that Canada has need
Of our poorest, weakest deed.
Follow he who takes the lead,
Even though retreat.

Canada, Oh Canada,
You will always know
That we thought and prayed for thee,
When we faced the foe.
Even the horrors of the war
Cannot spoil our golden store,
Remembrance of the things before!
Loves young dream.

A BIT OF FUN

HOW TO BRING THEM UP.

Mrs. Domestic Tabby—"People don't know how to raise children nowadays. They let the little ones have their own way far too much."

Mrs. Brood Hen—"That's very true. Now, look at my chickens. They wouldn't have amounted to a thing if they hadn't been sat on—People's Home Journal."

CHANCE TO WIN.

"Why do you ask for another trial? Your client took the money."

"On the grounds of newly discovered evidence, your honor. Something I can put on the stand."

"Of what nature?"

"I didn't know he had a pretty wife."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LESS IS REQUIRED.

Bacon—"My wife has discovered a way to conserve food."

Egbert—"To make it last, you mean? How is it done?"

Bacon—"By chewing it longer."—Yonkers Statesman.

CITIZENS WILL SAVE.

It is true that the government is building a new revenue cutter.

Yes.

Have you any idea what they are going to name it?

Prohibition.—Life.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Mar. 27.—Mr. Laurence Bailey, who was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clark returned from Vancouver on Saturday after having spent the winter there. Miss Jean McHardy who has been the guest of Miss Marion Rankin, left for her home in Providence this week.

Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Allen Hall of Houlton, Me., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gibson, Connell street.

Miss Alice Polley and Miss Helen Garcelon entertained the choir of St. Paul's church on Friday evening at their home, Division street.

Miss Kathleen Lynott left for Hallowell, Me., on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. McKendrick and Miss McKendrick were in St. John last week to see their son and brother, Donald, who was in charge of the draft of soldiers leaving St. John for another training camp.

Mr. and Mrs. George McElroy and son Murray of Woodstock and Miss Louise McElroy of Grafton attended the Barton-McAdams wedding at Hallowell last week.

Mrs. Ellsworth, vice-president of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces, paid an official visit to Silver Link Lodge, Chatham, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ellsworth will visit the Rebekah Lodges in Loggieville, Douglastown and Millerton. She has thirty-one Lodges under her supervision and will visit them all during the year.

Miss Kathleen Lynott will enter a hospital in Lewiston, Me., early in April, where she will be a student.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Yesterday was papa's birthday, and after supper ma came in the setting room with both her hands in back of her, saying, "Willyum, how comes your birthday present, it's a segar lighter that works every time."

"Hurray, I didn't think it was possible, the dream of the ages has come true, a segar lighter that works every time, seg pop, give it to me quick."

And ma took one of her hands out from in back of her and gave pop a segar lighter, saying, "And this one half of the present, I've got a hole box of segars for you, too."

"No, I mean what do you know about that, seg pop."

And ma took her other hand out from in back of her and gave pop a box of segars, and pop opened it and took a segar out and smelt it, ma saying, "How does it smell?"

"Remarkable, seg pop."

Well hurry up and smook it, seg ma, and pop sed, "I sure will, I'll lit it with the segar lighter. And he pushed the little button on the segar lighter and the lid flew up but it didn't lit. And he tried about 5 more times and it didn't lit each time."

"That's queer, it worked every time I tried it, seg ma. And she took it away from pop and pressed it and it lit and it lit right away, ma saying, "There, see, you had to press it hard, now put the segar in your mouth and I'll lit it for you."

"No, I insist on making it work myself, otherwise the flavor of the segar will be all spoiled, seg pop. And he took the segar lighter and pushed the button some more without anything happening."

Well, well, it looks as if I don't smook tonight, seg pop.

Nonsents, press it harder, press it real hard, seg ma."

That's wat im doing, seg pop trying it again without making it lit, and ma sed, "Willyum, you're hardly touching it, I rely believe you don't want to smook that segar, if you don't make that lighter work immediately I'll never speak to you again as long as you live. And pop pushed the button hard as anything and it lit and it lit right away, ma saying, "There, see, you had to press it hard, now put the segar in your mouth and I'll lit it for you."

Mrs. Frank Baird and little daughter Elizabeth, left for Fredericton on Wednesday, where they will be the guests of Mrs. McKee.

Rev. Frank Baird left for Halifax on Monday evening on business connected with the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. E. W. Jarvis gave a very enjoyable knitting party on Saturday afternoon.

Among the soldiers who returned from France and England last week, were Major Kenneth, E. A. Brittain, George Rolston, J. Kelly, Miles Jackson, and J. A. Draper.

Mr. Laurence Bailey went to Grafton this week-end to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester L. Lynott announces the engagement of their daughter, Helen Margaret, to Mr. Carl Rhodes Douglas of Hallowell, Me. The marriage to take place early in April.

Miss Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Grover C. Campbell, Mountain Cottage.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Mrs. Carvell, and Mrs. Arthur H. Fisher are expected in town this week to spend Easter.

The Misses Ketchum of Ottawa will spend Easter with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ketchum.

Miss Blanche Dibble of Ottawa, is expected on Friday, and will spend Easter with Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Dibble, Broadway.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society packed this week containing thirty six pairs of socks, twelve suits of pajamas, nine shirts and other things. The Society have sent three hundred and fifty pairs of socks during the last three weeks.

Mrs. George W. Gibson and daughter Margaret left on Thursday for Bridgewater, Me., where they will spend Easter with Mrs. Stackpole.

Charles S. Whitaker, head clerk at A. J. Ryan's drug store, Fredericton, has been appointed manager of the Garden Drug store and will take up his duties after Easter.

Mrs. J. S. Creighton has become a life member of the Red Cross Society. Mr. E. W. Jarvis has become a life member of the Red Cross Society.

The Lower Woodstock Girls Club with the aid of the Boy Scouts will hold a concert and entertainment in aid of the fund for the Hay Settlement Meeting house on Easter Tuesday evening.

Rev. A. S. Hazel has kindly consented to be chairman.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society are holding a knitting party at Carleton Hall on April 4th. The receipts for Red Cross purposes.

Hon. W. P. Jones spent a few days in Fredericton this week.

A reception for Pte. George A. Ralston was held at the home of Mr. H. W. Rogers, Northampton, Friday evening. About forty friends met to welcome him after three years service overseas. Pte. Ralston went to England with the first contingent.

LETTER FROM WAR PRISONER.

Mrs. L. Turner of 161 Rodney street, West St. John, has received another letter from her son, Pte. H. W. Rogers, Northampton, Friday evening. About forty friends met to welcome him after three years service overseas. Pte. Ralston went to England with the first contingent.

"I am getting better fast and expect to be discharged from hospital in the near future. I have had no letter from home for over two months. We have had quite a lot of snow here in Munster lately, and some real cold weather. It reminded me of the weather we have at home in early January, but one misses the sleighs and tinkle of the sleigh bells, as here wagons and carts are in use all the year round. As I write the weather is becoming milder and I would not be surprised to see the warmer weather arrive next month. I will not be sorry when this affair is over and I will be able to get home. I cannot complain of the treatment I received while a patient in this hospital. The staff did all they possibly could for me during my illness."

BIRD HOUSE COMPETITION.

The annual bird house competition of the Audubon Society will be held this year on Saturday, April 30, at the Natural History Society rooms. Prizes will be awarded for the four best.

High Heels Put Corns on Toes

Who cares? Corns or calluses lift off without any pain.

Because style decrees that women crowd and buckle up their tender toes in high heeled shoes, they suffer from corns, then they cut and trim at these painful pests which merely makes the corn grow hard. This suicidal habit may cause lockjaw and women are warned to stop it.

A few drops of freezone applied directly up on a sore corn or tender callus gives quick relief and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off without pain. Ask the drug store man for a tiny bottle of freezone, which costs but a few cents, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's foot.

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