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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 THIS EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

### RUSSIA STRIKES HARD.

The reports from Petrograd continue to tell of wonderful successes of the Russian army. Last night's report stated that the total number of prisoners taken since the inception of the new offensive was well over 114,000 officers and men. Where the captures have been so numerous it is safe to infer that the number of enemy killed and wounded was very large, for the experience of war has been that whatever else may be said of them, the Germans or Austrians do not yield without first making a desperate fight.

If the reports can be relied upon, and Petrograd in the past has not been given to exaggeration, then the Russian advance is the worst disaster which the enemy has suffered at any stage of the war. The previous high water mark for prisoners taken was set by France in the Champagne campaign when 25,000 officers and men were led to the rear. Already the Russians have captured four and one-half times as many.

The Russian success dated from the start of the latest offensive; the czar's troops had no reverses to overcome, which leads to the opinion that the movement was very carefully planned and not undertaken until those directing it were satisfied they possessed the power to drive it home.

The effect of the new Russian campaign cannot be too highly estimated. If it continues as it has commenced it means disaster for Austria, and with Austria removed from consideration Germany must send hundreds of thousands of men to the Eastern front if she would not have the Muscovite troops roaming at will over her territory. It is also presumed that the Austrians will hasten to conclude their aggressive movement against the Italians in order that their troops may be diverted to meet the greater danger. Constantly, the Russians may become responsible for a general slackening of effort on the part of the German allies on all fronts save the eastern. In that event it is to be expected that the British, French and Italians will at once commence aggressive moves which should prove of lasting effect. The Russian advance is likely to prove one of the outstanding events of the war.

### AN ENGLISH OPINION.

The Round Table, a quarterly review of the politics of the British Empire, cannot be said to hold a brief either for the Canadian Government, the Shell Committee or Sir Sam Hughes. Consequently its comment on the Kite-Carvell charges and their investigation should afford a reasonably good idea of the opinion in Britain over the whole matter. The Round Table for June says in part:

"The members of the Shell Committee are citizens of singularly good repute. They may not have been wholly equal to the great responsibilities which the committee had to shoulder, but it is incredible that conscious or deliberate dishonesty will be established. They gave their services voluntarily at serious sacrifice. They were assiduous in devotion to their responsible duties. It is inconceivable that they had any doubtful relations with contracting companies. Members of the old Shell Committee are represented on the Imperial Munitions Board, by which it was succeeded, and they have the confidence of the chairman and their colleagues. It may be pointed out that all the charges with which Parliament has been concerned relate to transactions which arose before the Imperial Munitions Board and the Canadian War Purchasing Commission were appointed. Both of these bodies seem to enjoy the complete public confidence. No doubt in the first months of the war there was a degree of disorganization and confusion, but to suggest that there was deliberate and general corruption is to defame the Government and the country. Moreover, from the outset, Sir Robert Borden has manifested an inflexible determination to protect the treasury and to guard the honor of his administration. Sir Sam Hughes, who was recalled from England by the Prime Minister, has made definite denial of the charges of his opponents, and has defended the Shell Committee and its

agents without reserve or equivocation. For the moment at least his resolute and aggressive attitude has impressed the country. He has qualities which appeal to the masses, but aside from sympathy for the minister there is a feeling that the Government has great tasks in hand and should not be distracted by charges which arise out of conditions which no longer exist."

### COL. BULLOCK AGAIN.

Lieut. Col. C. S. Bullock, officer commanding the 237th Overseas Battalion, was a clergyman before he donned khaki and undertook the organization of special units to serve the Empire in the war against oppression. Being an officer, and a clergyman, it is presumed he is a Christian gentleman who would not make serious statements against any man or set of men without being sure of his ground.

A week ago the Times made an unwarranted attack upon Col. Bullock because he had dared in the Ottawa Free Press to make certain allegations concerning the manner in which the promoters of the fuse charges attempted to secure their evidence. In these allegations the names of Mr. Carvell and Mr. Kite appeared. If the statement was untrue it is reasonable to believe that these gentlemen would have demanded satisfaction from the man who made them. Yet there has been no record of action by Mr. Carvell or Mr. Kite in connection with the matter.

It remained for the Times to brand Col. Bullock's statements as untrue and to make scurrilous attack upon him. But Col. Bullock arrived in the city again last evening and to a Standard representative, who interviewed him, he repeated his story in detail, and also supplied this newspaper with copies of affidavits made by the man who claimed to have been engaged to "get" certain documents from a private letter file in the office of a New York concern. How he performed his mission is told by himself in his sworn statement which The Standard prints in full.

The Standard presents Col. Bullock's statement just as he made it. It speaks for itself, and beyond doubt the matters with which it deals will be made the subject of investigation before long. At present this newspaper is willing to leave it to the Telegraph and Times and the other Carvell organs to explain away the impression conveyed. An explanation certainly is required.

### TODAY'S VISITOR.

Major Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, will be in the city today and should be the subject of a great reception. No member of the Canadian Government has borne the burden of the Empire war to as great an extent as the Minister of Militia. Not only has he had to contend with the heavy duties of his department but he has also been compelled to defend himself and his work against the most scandalous form of partisan attack and has just emerged triumphant from that ordeal.

Sir Sam comes to St. John not as a member of the Conservative party, but as Canada's war minister, as the man who accomplished the seemingly impossible feat of organizing, mobilizing, training and equipping the first Canadian contingent and having it in England within six weeks after the outbreak of war. If for no other reason than this he is entitled to full credit from every Canadian and should receive it.

### Attempt to Steal Wagon.

James Starkey was arrested last night, having been given in custody by Harry Short, of Brussels street, who charges him with attempting to steal a wagon from Short's yard. It is claimed that Short caught Starkey in the act.

### Free Swimming Campaign.

Yesterday was the first day of the free swimming campaign in the Y. M. C. A. In the afternoon twenty school boys were present, and in the evening twenty-two employed boys took advantage of the lessons. All boys who are unable to swim are invited to come and share in the benefits of this campaign. The slogan is "Every boy in St. John a swimmer."

## N.B. AND P.E.I. METHODIST CONFERENCE

Final Drafts of the Station Sheet Shows Few Changes.

### ORDINATION SERVICE HELD SUNDAY

Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine Methodist Ministers in Canada Have Joined the Colors.

#### Special to The Standard.

Summerside, P. E. I., June 12.—The morning session of the Methodist Conference of New Brunswick and P. E. Island on Saturday considered chiefly the report of the social service committee and the final station sheet in which the following changes were made from the original draft already published: The president of conference, Rev. Thomas Hicks, goes to Zion church, St. John, and becomes ex-officio the chairman of the St. John district. Rev. Robt. S. Crisp returns to Carmarthen street, St. John, and Rev. T. Spencer Crisp goes to Newton. Rev. B. O. Hartman goes to Welsford, Rev. A. Whiteside to Grand Lake, Rev. C. W. Squires to New castle, Rev. E. Rowlands to Derby, Rev. C. F. Stebbings to Harcourt, Rev. H. E. Thomas to Sackville, Rev. W. J. Donville to Montague, P. E. I., and Rev. R. M. Brodie to Cape Wolfe and O'Leary, P. E. I.

The officers of the various districts were elected on the first ballot. The chairman and financial secretaries are as follows: St. John District, Rev. Thomas Hicks and Rev. Hammond Johnson, Rev. H. C. Rice is Sunday school secretary, Rev. W. Lane, social service secretary, and Rev. Gilbert Earle, missionary secretary. Fredericton District, Rev. Thomas Marshall, chairman, and Rev. H. Harrison, financial secretary; Woodstock District, Rev. S. Howard and Rev. J. B. Gough; Chatham District, Rev. F. A. Wright; Montague District, Rev. W. J. Donville; St. John District, Rev. W. J. Donville; St. John District, Rev. W. J. Donville; St. John District, Rev. W. J. Donville.

The afternoon session was taken up with the consideration of superannuated matters. Rev. Dr. Steel, secretary of the superannuated augmentation fund, reported that he had succeeded in raising \$20,000 for this fund. A resolution of appreciation of the excellent work of Dr. Steel was passed.

In the evening Epworth Hall was filled Saturday with an attentive and appreciative audience to listen to an illustrated lecture on a hundred years of Methodism in America given by Rev. W. H. Barnard, of Centenary church, St. John, under the auspices of the Historical Society of the conference.

Sunday was a wonderful day, from early morning the successive services were well attended. At 9:30 a. m., the time-honored love feast was held in Epworth Hall under the leadership of the veteran, Rev. J. C. Berrie, who many years ago was the popular and successful pastor of Summerside Methodist church. The ordination sermon at 11 o'clock was preached by Rev. Dean Birney of Boston. This talented orator took as his text John 10 and 28, and preached one of the most impressive sermons ever heard at conference. Revs. Robert Smart, W. J. Godfrey, G. Stanley Helps and W. J. Donville were ordained by the laying on of hands to the work of the Christian ministry. Rev. Thos. Hicks, president of conference, conducted the service.

Conference assembled on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The report of the superannuated fund drew attention to the injustice being done to the aged and retired ministers of the conference.

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## Little Benny's Note Book

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And everybody started to talk about how meny hot doggy sandwiches they thawt they cood eat, and I sed, Lets have a hot doggy sandwich eatins contest, lets all go around the corner and start buying hot doggy sandwiches from the Italyn, and whoever eats the most wins.

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### Mt. Allison Report.

The report of Mount Allison Institutions was presented by the treasurer, Dr. J. M. Palmer, and the president, Dr. B. C. Borden. In spite of the war the finances of the institution show improvements. The loss in revenue due to decreased attendance is in some measure offset by economy in maintenance and administration. Two hundred and ninety-two Mr. Allison students have enlisted for overseas, a larger number proportionately than given by any other college in Canada.

The report of the Missionary Committee followed and the closing address of Dr. Endicott. A memorial service was held at 4 p. m. out of respect to the ministers who had died during the year. Revs. J. F. Estey, Isaac Howe, Dr. Douglas Chapman and Stephen H. Rice. Many of the brethren paid tribute to the respect and esteem in which these departed pioneers were held by those who had been associated with them.

It was decided to join hands with the other conferences in the great Canadian Methodist family in the printing of the year book. Hon. Capt. Rev. H. E. Thomas presented the report of the Army and Navy Board of the church which showed that from the records furnished that office 16,080 Methodists had enlisted in the Canadian expeditionary forces, and upwards of a 1,000 from within the bounds of this conference which is the smallest of the conferences in point of numbers. Two hundred and thirty-nine ministers of the Methodist church in Canada have enlisted for overseas service. Eleven of them were from New Brunswick and P. E. Island, 36 Methodist chaplains are serving the forces of the King.

The evening session received the reports of the Sunday school and Ep-

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### MARRIAGES.

A quiet wedding of interest took place Friday evening, June 9th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ferris, 207 Rockland Road, when their daughter, Jessie Beatrice, was united in marriage to Private Ernest Milton Heutsie, of the 115th Battalion, St. John, and late of Upper James, by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. The bride was becomingly attired and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. She was given in marriage by her father, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church, among which was a purse of gold from the bride's brother Private H. Bernard Ferris, and a china dinner set from Private and Mrs. Wilson.

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