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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

CLOSURE JUSTIFIED.

Free speech is one of the most treasured institutions of British democracy, but the right of free speech cannot be stretched to cover the case of men who abuse that right for the purpose of obstructing the passage of legislation bound to be of benefit to Canada and the Empire.

In the present situation it is absolutely necessary that our armies shall be kept up to the standard of efficiency. This is necessary for two reasons. First, that Canada shall do her full duty to the Empire, and second that our own boys who have gone overseas shall be supported to the limit of our ability.

To fill the Canadian armies the Government has adopted the principle of selective conscription. To insure that the selective bill shall be fearlessly and faithfully enforced, and that its provisions shall in no way be rendered ineffective by the advent to power of men not in sympathy with it or its aims, it is necessary that the voice of loyal Canada shall be given full expression at the polls, while disloyal and unsympathetic citizens shall be, as far as possible, deprived of their power to frustrate the aims of the Government and of the loyal Canadian people. For this purpose the War Elections Act has been introduced and is now under debate in the House of Commons.

Parliament's life expires by efflux of time in less than four weeks. If members of Parliament opposed to the War Elections Act were allowed unlimited license to discuss it they could keep talking until Parliament would not be able to pass it, and the election which must come would be fought with 300,000 of our best and most patriotic citizens out of the country and the slacker and enemy alien in full control. To meet this situation the Government will pass the measure under closure, that is to say, the speech of members will be limited and a vote will be forced at a certain time, appointed in advance by the Speaker of the Commons.

This procedure does not prevent a full debate on the measure. Every argument that can be used against it, or that is likely to have any weight in inducing members to vote against it, can be thoroughly threshed out in the time allowed. Closure does no injustice in that way.

What it does do, and what is a decided benefit, is to prevent obstruction for political purposes. It prevents the possibility of a measure in the interests of the people being talked to death by partisan obstructors.

It is not a new departure in Canada and men and newspapers who today call it brutal are the same men and the same newspapers which applauded the Liberals for applying it while they were in power in order to pass the reciprocity agreement, which was later rejected by the people at the polls.

It may be that the conscription measure will be defeated when the people have an opportunity of voting upon it. Defeat to it can come with the defeat of the Government which stands pledged to it. If this defeat is brought about by the voice of loyal Canada the Government will not complain. But more important than the success of the legislation is the success of the government which the Government has placed upon the statute books. It is to insure that this legislation will not be robbed of its effect by the votes of aliens that the Government has introduced the War Elections Act, and it is to make certain that the War Elections Act shall not be talked to death that the Government is applying closure. In such a case the closure is absolutely justified. It does not prevent free speech, but it tends to curb the blatherers. And Canada has had enough of opposition wind-jamming over measures that are decidedly in the national interest.

THE WAR ELECTIONS ACT.

The purpose of the War Elections Act is to disfranchise enemy aliens in Canada and to give the vote to the close female relatives of Canadian soldiers.

Those who oppose that act object to the disfranchising of enemy aliens and do not want the soldiers' mothers, sisters, or wives to have a voice in selecting the government which will rule at Ottawa.

The act is fair and satisfactory to all except two classes of people; 1st, enemy aliens who would vote against any government that would do as much as the Borden Government has done to cause Canada to give the greatest measure of aid to the Empire; 2nd, those now in opposition who hope to profit by the support of such enemy aliens and who, with enemy aliens de-

prived of the vote, see their last hope of success fading from them.

In the first class are Austrians and Germans who, while they may have relatives fighting in the armies of the Kaiser and consequently their sympathies are not with Canada and the Empire.

In the second class are the Pugsleys and Olivers and Grahams of Canada who, while professing loyalty and devotion to the Empire, strenuously object to the removal of their enemy alien supporters from the voters' lists. These men have no interest in the war, no real desire to see Canada do her full duty, no concern for the soldiers at the front who for many weary months have faced death and danger for Canada and from whom they would withhold the assistance the conscription measure will bring. The only interest they have in the present situation is the fear that with the influence of the patriotic element of Canada increased and that of enemy aliens wiped out, the number of anti-war representatives in the next House is likely to be considerably smaller than it is today.

These are the elements opposed to the War Elections Act, but to offset them are thousands of loyal, patriotic Liberals who believe that the first duty of any government is to make it certain that Canada's war effort shall not be hampered now or in the future by the advent to power of men who are not in sympathy with that effort, men whose first public act will be to remove from the statute book the bill which provides for reinforcing the Canadian armies by the process of selective draft.

The Government put the selective draft bill on the statute book and its enforcement is now being proceeded with. The War Elections Act makes it certain that only those who will be qualified to vote in the next election who are reasonably sure to be in sympathy with that measure and with all other measures necessary to the successful prosecution of the war.

With such an end in view the objections of traitors, enemy aliens and disloyal politicians need receive but very little consideration.

MORE OF "THE LION'S SHARE."

When The Standard published a table showing that the amount of full rate advertising carried in this newspaper was largely in excess of that carried by the Telegraph, we stated a simple truth. It is not our intention to enter into a prolonged controversy with the Telegraph on this subject, but just to give our contemporaries something to think about we submit the following comparison of full rate advertising carried in The Standard and the Telegraph on Monday and Tuesday of the present week.

	The Standard.	The Telegraph.
Monday	982 in.	516 in.
Tuesday	767 in.	585 in.

Excess of The Standard over the Telegraph 468 inches.

The Telegraph also devotes considerable attention to the fact that it is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulation, or the "A. B. C." as it is popularly known. While this bureau is an excellent institution it is only necessary to say that it was established a few years ago for the purpose of protecting advertisers against those publishers whose own statements of circulation were not worthy of belief.

The fact that The Standard is still able to carry over thirty per cent. full rate advertising than the Telegraph and that The Standard, like the majority of newspapers on this continent, is not a member of the A. B. C., appears to be sufficient evidence of the respective advertising values of these two papers.

A REMARKABLE TRIBUTE.

Whether or not the Western Liberals who suggested a change of leadership as a condition precedent to union, were "playing the game," one thing is certain—their suggestion has shown Sir Robert Borden where he stands so far as the Conservative party is concerned. No man in public life ever received a more striking tribute of affection and esteem than he did recently from the hands of the Conservative caucus. Even those members and senators who disapproved of his negotiations were convinced—having heard his cause—that he was right. He frankly informed them of his negotiations for a union government and insisted that it was necessary if the full driving power of Canadian patriotism is to be exerted. To that end he was willing and would be glad to sacrifice himself or serve in the ranks.

A majority of the members are quite

as convinced as to the necessity for union of our war forces, and if they would not hear of Sir Robert's retirement it is because they regard him as the only man in Canada equipped for leadership. Since the war began, and particularly since his visits to the front, service to the boys at the front has been an obsession with him. Always industrious he has since then become a slave to duty. Oblivious to political gain or loss, he has gone his way with an eye single to the most vigorous prosecution of Canada's part in the war. He has not stopped to make partisan speeches or even reply to partisan attack. He has always endeavored to impress upon his supporters that the fate of individuals, parties or governments is of small consequence in these days. Only one thing matters, viz., that Canadian effort should be continued at the maximum until victory is won and peace is assured.

MANY ST. JOHN HOMES MADE GLAD YESTERDAY

Large Number of St. John Soldiers Arrive Home After Doing Their Bit—All Have Been Wounded at the Front

Charles Robinson, secretary of Soldiers' Aid Commission, was at the depot yesterday to welcome home, and look after the wants of a large number of returned men from the battlefields of France.

Sergt. Geo. Simpson.

Sergt. George Simpson, of Gilbert's Lane, a member of the original 26th, was one of the party to arrive. He has been much fighting, as he spent about two years in France. He was very badly wounded about five months ago and since that time until the date of sailing for Canada had been in hospitals in England. Sergeant Simpson, prior to joining the colors, was employed in the I. C. R. in the cleaning department.

Corporal R. M. Turner.

Corporal R. M. Turner, of Millville road arrived home after spending about two years on the western front. He was a member of the 5th Canadian Army Service Corps. Whether or not he will have to return to France he at the present time does not know. He was wounded about two months ago.

Private J. H. Donnelly.

Private J. H. Donnelly arrived at his home, 53 Carmichael street. He went overseas with the 14th and was transferred later to another battalion. On April 26 he was wounded in the left hand. Three fingers were disabled. He is now awaiting his discharge. Before enlisting he was janitor in St. David's church.

Private J. A. Nelson.

Another of St. John's returned heroes who reached the city was Private J. A. Nelson, one of the original 26th. After varied experiences in France, incidental to which he was buried alive a few times, the last time almost fatally, he has been welcomed home by his wife and three children at 33 St. Patrick street, suffering from strained back muscles, the result of his latest burial. He is to report soon to the hospital here, and it is yet to be determined what will be his future.

Private T. S. Davidson.

Private Thomas Stanley Davidson, aged eighteen years, arrived at his home, 60 Erin street. He enlisted only three months ago in the 14th and is the first member of that unit to be returned. He did not get to France, but was taken ill with heart trouble while in England and underwent two operations. He is a son of F. L. Davidson.

Private A. G. Connelly.

Private Arthur Gerald Connelly, a member of the 115th Battalion, also arrived home. He is a son of A. J. Connelly, 84 Elmwood street.

Gunner George Foley.

There was joy for Mrs. Luke Foley and Mrs. F. D. Brogan in their homes. Son street, when a son and brother—Gunner George Foley—reached home after three years in the war. Gunner Foley went with the 14th and saw much of the world-staggering operations on the western front. For some time he has been in hospital suffering from trench fever and recently received orders to proceed to Canada.

Gunner J. J. Kelly.

Gunner J. J. Kelly was one of the soldiers to arrive suffering from a

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Little Benny's Note Book

Me and Patsy Simkins aye cuzzin Pery? was setting on my front steps yesterday, and Sam Cross came, up and set down, saying to Pery, I just saw your byickie leaning against your house while I was coming around, Pery.

Did you, sed Pery.
Yes, sed Sam Cross. And pritty son he sed, Give me a ride, Pery? No, sed Pery.

Then dont, sed Sam. And we all kepp on setting there, and pritty soon Sam Cross got up and went in my vesterable, saying, Come hear a minnit, will you, Benny, I want to show you sumthing funny.

Wich I went in and Sam wispered, You kepp Pery there and Ill go around and take a ride on his byickie, and then Ill come back and kepp him heer wile you go around and take a ride.

G, all rite, I wispered back. And we went out and sat on the steps agen, Sam saying, Wasent that funny, Benny? and me saying, It sertyen was. And after a wile Sam sed, Well, I got to go sumware. And he wawked down the street and turned around the corner, and all of a sudden Pery sed, Hay, I bet hes going to ride by byickie, Im going around and see.

Wich he started to start to get up, and I sed, Aw, youre krazy, Pery, he is not wate a minnit I want to tell you sumthing.

Well wat is it hurry up and tell me, sed Pery. Wich I coodent think of anyting, and I sed, Its sumthing pritty exciting, all rite, and Pery sed, Well wat is it about, Im going.

Wate a minnit, wate a minnit, Its about next Kriasmus, I sed. O, wat do I care about next Kriasmus, sed Pery. And he started to start to get up agen, and I grabbed him around the waist, saying, Wate a minnit, wate a minnit.

Wat for? sed Pery, and I sed, I want to tell you a story. I dont want to heer it, sed Pery. And he brook away and ran home, and jest then me came to the door and made me go a errind, so I coodent of got my ride enyway.

sunshot wound in the leg. Gunner Samuel Kelly occurred. Mary Q. and enlisted in the 4th Siege Battery. For a time he was in the band of that unit, but later was transferred to the guns. He received his wound at Vimy Ridge.

Others to Arrive.

Included in the party of returned men were: W. A. Baker, Plaster Rock; H. H. Giberson, Milltown; W. G. Poore, Oromocto; J. J. Hart, Grand Falls; J. A. Chandler, Woodstock; Fred Mann, Boiestown; M. L. Steeves, Tracadie Mills; G. R. Turner, Benton; and Private Butler, St. Stephen, and Privates W. D. Smith, G. A. Smith and R. Bockman, of St. John.

OBITUARY

Samuel Bird.

Fredericton, Sept. 11.—The death of Samuel Bird, of Millville, occurred this morning. He had been in failing health for some months. He is survived by his wife and three sons, Charles and Donald at home, and Everett, of Somerville, Mass., and two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Kelly at home and Miss Florence, who recently returned from Japan, where she was in missionary work.

Mrs. R. A. Woodley.

The death of Mrs. Rebecca A. Woodley took place at her late residence, 25 Broad street, yesterday morning, after a brief illness. Three daughters and seven sons survive: Mrs. S. B. Lordley, Mrs. Frank B. Ross, Miss Ida Woodley, Walter Arthur B. Frank C. William J. Roy S. and Douglas, all of this city, and John Woodley, Denver, Colorado. She was the widow of John Woodley, the well known boat builder. Mrs. Woodley was a member of the German St. Baptist church.

THE PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Cyril C. Vigot, a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, who was killed in action, letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Leonard P. D. Tilley. Bowyer S. Smith is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Jennie M. McLean, letters of administration have been granted to Brig.

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