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

"TOO MUCH POLITICS."

The St. Andrews Beacon, in discussing the address made by Hon. George Clarke before the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, in Fredericton, is inclined to criticise the Premier for his statement that there is "too much politics" in New Brunswick, and the Times gleefully reproduces the criticism with the note that the editor of the St. Andrews Beacon is a "strong Conservative" and "has no axe to grind." The first statement is an admission from the Times that the editor of the Beacon is a sensible man, and the second that he is in a position to approach the consideration of weighty matters free and untrammelled by any considerations of the box office. Just what an advantage this is to a newspaper editor the gentleman in the Times office can testify from past experience—true, a long time past, but undoubtedly still held in fragrant memory.

But, admitting the mentality and independence of the Beacon editor, was he quite fair when he scored Premier Clarke for the statement that there is "too much politics" in New Brunswick? Was not the Premier absolutely correct in his appraisal of conditions? Is it not a fact that there is a lamentable tendency on the part of the partisan Grit press to withhold credit from the Clarke Government for really excellent administration of the affairs of this province, simply because the newspapers, criticising it represent a political party which was practically swept out of existence in the last election? It is to the interest of the gentlemen behind those papers to replace the Clarke Government by a set of men allied with their own political party and for that their editorial employees are prepared to withhold credit where credit is due and apply censure without good reason.

Their activity in this line is not confined to provincial affairs. Readers of those newspapers are familiar with the outcry in which they indulged when the Canadian boot charges were first made—they applied censure where it was not due. Yet, when the evidence showed that only one-half of one per cent. of all the boots supplied to the Canadian soldiers were defective, when those same soldiers wrote from the trenches that the Canadian boot was in every way superior to that supplied by the British Government, those newspapers took no steps to correct the misrepresentations they originally made. They permitted the untruth to go to the country without correction. Was not that very fact evidence of the truth of Hon. Mr. Clarke's statement as far as their treatment of public questions is concerned?

And again, the Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence in the work of organizing and equipping the Canadian contingents performed his task so well as to merit and receive the commendation of His Majesty King George. It was easier for Sir Sam Hughes to win from the Empire's Sovereign the proud title of Knight Commander of the Bath than to secure one word of praise or congratulation from the Telegraph or Times. If the recipient of the King's honor had been a Liberal those newspapers could not have found type large enough to tell of his virtues. Being a Conservative, his success was passed over as slightly as possible. One more case of "too much politics"?

Returning to the affairs of the Clarke Government we find the Telegraph and Times following out the same old policy. That government can do nothing good, can accomplish nothing worth while because it is Conservative. If it could be replaced by a Liberal administration it would at once assume all the virtues, even though the change would entail upon the people a return to the period of the school-book ring, the Central Railway steal and the suspense accounts, to the neglect of the public services, to rotten bridges and tree-choked roads, and to the general conditions of incompetence and graft marking the regime of what the Telegraph and Times came to call the "Pugsley-Robinson plunderbund." Is the editor of the St. Andrews Beacon, a "strong Conservative" and a man "who has no axe

to grind," prepared to assist the Telegraph and Times which, of a certainty, have axes to grind, in their campaign to bring a return of conditions which they themselves condemned when it was their "political policy" to do so? If he has no axe of his own he is not turning the grindstone for them?

THE CANADIAN FISHERIES.

Hon. J. D. Hazen is to be heartily congratulated upon the very great measure of success attending his efforts to develop and stimulate interest in the Canadian fisheries. It was through his interest in the fishing industry that the Canadian fisheries' exhibits were initiated at the National Exhibition in Toronto, the greatest annual institution of its kind in the world, and the popular appreciation of the exhibits last year was so pronounced that the management of the Fair has decided to make Fisheries Day one of its established features hereafter.

The first Fisheries Day was observed on Friday of last week, and The Standard, this morning, republishes an address delivered by Hon. Mr. Hazen on that occasion. The Minister has made a study of this great Canadian resource and has lost no opportunity of bringing the advantage of fish as a staple food to the attention of Canadians. Largely as the result of his efforts in this direction facilities for delivering the product of Canada's rivers, lakes and coast waters have been greatly improved, until now dwellers in the interior of Canada can secure at reasonable cost, supplies of fresh fish for the table.

The work to which Hon. Mr. Hazen has devoted so much attention will be of value not only to the men engaged in the fishing industry but to every Canadian, inasmuch as it will aid in placing at their disposal a palatable and nutritious article of food which should play a larger part in the daily menu. It should also be an important factor in solving the problem of the cost of living as fish not only possesses a food value equal to that of meat but is appreciably cheaper. Hon. Mr. Hazen has done excellent service in every division of the department entrusted to his care but in no case has his work been of greater value to the people of Canada than in the campaign he is now so successfully conducting to stimulate and develop the Canadian fisheries.

THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

Results were more than satisfactory yesterday in the campaign for recruiting the 64th battalion in this city and it is now believed little difficulty will be experienced in filling the ranks of the 64th and the next unit to go forward. Speakers at last night's meeting in King Square brought the need of the hour forcibly home to hundreds of young men in the large audience present and there is no doubt that the results will be even better than at present indicated.

It is sincerely to be hoped that this will be the case, for the need for men to fight the battles of the Empire was never greater than at this moment. The next six or eight months will provide the critical period of the war. In that time the success or failure of the plans to free the world from the thralldom of Prussian militarism will be determined. If the young men of this city and province desire to embrace the opportunity of aiding in such a glorious cause they should not delay. They have had sufficient time in which to think it over and the demand now is for action. If our young men intend to live up to the traditions of their city and their ancestors their place is in the recruiting office. There can be no further excuse for shirking a duty that by now must be very apparent to every man of fighting age.

Kingston, Sept. 7.—On Sept. 15th the first course of cookery will be opened at Barrieffield Camp under the instruction of Sergt. Major Kerrison of the Royal Military College, formerly of the British permanent forces. Twenty men have already been taken on for the course from different parts of Canada.

NINETEEN MEN WERE ENLISTED YESTERDAY

Fine meetings last night showed good results — The speakers.

Word was received in the city last evening through Col. B. R. Armstrong, commanding officer of the 3rd Garrison Artillery, and local recruiting officer, that Col. Campbell, officer commanding 64th Battalion, had received instructions from militia headquarters to continue recruiting as long as he could get the men to come forward. There will be no limit to the number of men required, and the recruiting officers are instructed to take every man who is physically fit. The supply of men needed is unlimited and recruiting will be carried on indefinitely. There is no possible doubt that the 64th Battalion will be recruited up to strength in a few days if the men continue to come in, but the militia authorities want more men. After the 64th will come other regiments and after these still other regiments and as long as the men continue to come in recruiting will be carried on. The mobilization point will be Sussex, and the men taken on will go as infantry. No other branch of the service will be organized.

Another large recruiting meeting was held last evening in King Square and fully two thousand people were grouped around the platform and marquee, listening to the excellent speeches made by returned heroes and others who have enlisted for foreign service. The results of the meeting and last evening's meeting and those held previously were most encouraging to the citizens' committee. In all nineteen young men signed the honor roll of the 64th Battalion during the day and enlisted for service abroad. The meeting last evening was made up of E. A. Schofield, and the speakers were Rev. Dr. Morison, John Nuttall, Lieut. Brooks, of the 50th Battalion; Rev. M. E. Connor, who has enlisted as a stretcher bearer; Capt. H. H. Smith, of the Royal Canadian Grenadier and Sergt. N. Knight, of the 1st Gordon Highlanders. The Temple band was present and played several selections on the King Edward band stand.

After the open air meeting another was held in the Imperia theatre for the men only, and here Sergt. N. Knight was again the speaker. The theatre was well filled, and those who heard Sergt. Knight were impressed with the facts that he laid before them. So enthusiastic was the meeting that when the call for recruits was made thirty-one young men jumped from their seats and signified their intention of joining the colors. Recruiting officers and medical examiners were on hand and six of these successfully passed all physical tests and became members of the 64th Battalion. Their names are: William Pevey, Birmingham, England; Harold Clifford James, Moncton, N. B.; F. J. Northrup, St. John; J. Crummev, St. John; John Cook, St. John; Patrick McCort, St. John.

Those who signed on during the day and last evening are as follows: Ernest Chesley Coates, St. John; B. G. H. Gomme, Georgetown, Demerara; James Howard Clifford, Moncton; Benjamin Adams, Gaspe, Que.; George Moses Fountain, Buffalo, N. Y.; Freeman LeRoy Gardner, St. John; Cecil Howard Bauer, Moncton; John Harding, St. John; John Miller, Bathurst; Herbert Taylor, John P. McGinley, Freeport, N. Brunswick; St. John; Abram Richer.

E. A. Schofield in opening the meeting on the square last evening, made several announcements. On Wednesday night a grand indoor meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Rink. The first speaker introduced was John Nuttall, who said: I did not have to tell my boys to go, they went of their own accord. Born in the Old Country, married in St. John, my boys are real thoroughbred Canadians and they have gone across the water to do their little bit. Tonight I see around me many mothers and fathers who have done exactly as I have done. They have sacrificed their sons in order that they might fight for their King and country. These boys have given up splendid positions and homes.

Rev. Dr. Morison was the next speaker. He said: "It has been asked me: Why don't I go? Let me tell you this, when this war broke out I went to the medical examiner, I told him I wanted to enlist, not as a chaplain. I have been praying and preaching for 22 years, but I want to go with a gun to shoot. The doctor told me that a man with a lung like mine that I had winter before last could not go. I heard afterwards in Halifax that there was a preacher over in St. John who when asked if he would go as a chaplain, said, no, Thank God, I can shoot. I wrote a brother who gave up a lucrative position in Montreal, too. I have two cousins, one a minister of the Gospel, they are both at the front."

Dr. Morison made a strong plea for recruits and he spoke of the dreadful work of the Germans. Alexeo Thodat, a Russian, who has seen service, was also on the platform. Lieut. Brooks and Rev. M. E. Connor also spoke. Captain H. H. Smith also made a strong plea for men. Those who went forward to Sussex

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

My sister Gladdis made mollassis candy today, saying to me, Wont farthir be pleased wen he comes hoam, he is awlways buying mollassis candy at the stoar, he likes it so mutch, and hoam made candy is so mutch bettir than anything you can buy.

I didnt no you cood make mollassis candy, Gladdis, sed ma. I didnt no it myself, its the first time I ever made it, sed Gladdis. Wich it tasted as if it was, me taking a peece and spitting it out agen, which candy has to be pritty farse for me to spit it out agen.

Aftir suppr I was setting awn the floor undir the tabll in the setting room, thinking, and pop and ma was setting next to the tabll not noing I was undir there, and Gladdis calm in, saying, O, farthir, look wats heer. Mollassis candy, as I live, heray and 3 cheers, hall and a flurrish of trumpets, sed pop.

Now jest help yureself and take awl you want, I made it with my own hands, sed Gladdis.

Then Im sure its sweet enuff, as Sir Walter Rawley wood of sed, sed pop, well, heers wate I take peece numbr wun.

Wich I herd him biting awn it, and Gladdis sed, How do you like it, farthir.

Words fale me, sed pop.

Then take some moar, sed Gladdis. With pleasure, not to say alackrity, sed pop. And I herd him take a bite awf of anuthir peece, then wat did he do but drop the rest of the peece undir the tabll and I picked it up and heer pop had any bit a littel hunk out of the cornir of it.

Take sum moar, take sup moar, farthir, I made it for you, sed Gladdis. And pop took anuthir peece and bit a cornir awf of it and dropped it undir the tabll and every time Gladdis told him to take sum moar he took a peece and dropped it undir the tabll, not even biting the cornirs awf sum of them and aftir a wile I had a hole handfull of peecees and I stuck my hand out from undir the tabll and scratched pops ankle and pop looked down and saw me thare holding awl his peecees of mollassis candy, and he quick shoved my hand back with his nee and pritty soon he reetched his hand undir the tabll and wat was in it but a dime. Wich I took it and wated thare, and 3 moar peecees of candy calm down, and then I got out from undir the tabll and went out to spend part of the dime and spent awl of it.

last evening were:
William Shannon, Belfast, Ire.
George A. Britt, St. John.
Walter R. Johnston, Newport News, U. S. A. (British parents.)
George D. Reid, Sunderland, Eng.
Cecil Mercer, Norton, N. B.
James E. Byron, Virginia, U. S. A. (British parents.)

IN THE COURTS.

In the police court yesterday morning four drunks were fined \$8 or two months in jail.
Clay Clark, arrested on the charge of assault, was remanded.

Afternoon Court

In the Police Court yesterday afternoon several interesting cases were heard before the magistrate. Philip Troski, a coachman in the employ of William Donohue, was fined \$20 for soliciting passengers and breaking the rules at the Union Depot. He was reported about two weeks ago by I. C. R. Policeman Roberts. The case has been up before the magistrate several times and has had to be postponed, the accused failing to put in an appearance. He was allowed to go providing he pays his fine by Saturday. The case against Captain Millar, charged with assaulting a sailor, James Verge, was allowed to stand over until Friday at twelve o'clock, noon, the complainant failing to appear against him. In the meantime the police are endeavoring to locate the sailor, who on account of his injury was an inmate of the hospital for two days. William Webber, manager of the New Brunswick Overall and Pant Mfg. Co., was on the stand, having three

charges laid against him. He was charged with having a defective stove pipe and a barrel containing rubbish on his premises besides keeping the chains of his elevator exposed thus endangering the lives of his employees and all others in the building. He was fined \$10 which was allowed to stand providing he made the necessary changes in his establishment. If not the fine would be collected.

John Fitzgerald was fined \$16 or four months in jail for being drunk, disorderly and creating a disturbance on Brussels street. John McGorman was given two months in jail with hard labor for being drunk. Several remands were brought into court and were further remanded.

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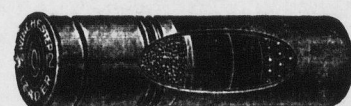
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City divided and people to make contributions.

The simultaneous hands of a representative of St. John men possible on Monday city will be divided districts and an election will be rescheduled in these sections. The organization of a committee with four o'clock yesterday Board of Trade Thorne in the city were present from the Rotary Club, Ambus and the city. This committee a few days ago by final patriotic command citizens, and the present campaign add to its number. It may be deemed necessary the work to be done.

House to be it was decided proper method of subscription Fund will be by a vass of the entire one will have of but. And in no doubtless a great would like to do so but, who are give any consideration, it was decision plan of securing monthly over a c be adopted. No will be declined b collectors will be which will ensure Fund a regular in the war lasts. Having settled

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