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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.

### THE VALLEY RAILWAY

A few days ago several members of the St. John Board of Trade enjoyed a trip up the St. John river and visited the spot where borings are being made to determine a site for a bridge by which the Valley Railway will be brought to the east bank of the St. John. These gentlemen inspected the site and also paid a visit to Hog Island, where it had been suggested a suitable crossing might be found. Of course they did not go in an official capacity as the Valley Railway is purely a provincial undertaking, and the Board of Trade is not interested in it beyond a desire to see it come to St. John by the best route. On their return the secretary of the board supplied the newspapers with an account of the trip which was duly published.

The Telegraph, however, made the visit the occasion for a misleading and unwarranted attack on the government for what it termed "belated government activities" and it scored at the idea that it should be necessary to secure additional information before determining on the exact spot at which the railway shall cross the river.

Does the Telegraph object to the government securing information which may result in producing the best route across the river and save money to the province, or is that newspaper more interested in the dirt method of railway building under which the N. T. R. was built and which resulted in a criminal waste of public funds?

It is just as well that in its discussion of Valley Railway matters the Telegraph should remember one or two facts, especially as it is disposed to complain of delay in the completion of that road. In the first place it was not for the fact that Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell did not deem it wise to embarrass Sir Wilfrid Laurier when the N. T. R. route was under consideration, that railway would have followed its natural course down the St. John and the construction of the Valley road would not have been necessary. Whatever expense and delay there may be now is due, in the first instance, to the fact that the Liberals when in power, had the opportunity of securing a road down the valley of the St. John and threw it away. Being responsible in the first place they should not criticize now. And if there is any doubt in the mind of the editor of the Telegraph as to where the responsibility should rest for routing the N. T. R. away from St. John and the river valley, he might dispel that doubt by reading up some of his own articles, written when he was receiving his weekly pay envelope from a different hand.

It should also be remembered that the Telegraph and Times viciously opposed the legislation proposed and passed in the session of 1914 by which the Government of New Brunswick was authorized to issue additional bonds to the St. John and Quebec Railway Company to the extent of \$16,000 per mile. Had it not been for the authority given under that act the section of the railway between Gagetown and Centreville would not have been finished, but work would have stopped about July 1st, 1914, and, with the chaotic condition into which the money markets were plunged by the outbreak of war, it is a question if it ever would have been resumed. The Government quite properly granted that assistance despite the opposition of the Telegraph and the result has been decidedly advantageous to the province. As a matter of fact work on the railway has not been stopped, and, also, whatever opinions may be expressed to the contrary, the desire of the Government is to bring the road down the east side of the River St. John. It is to determine the very best route for crossing the river that the present operations are being carried on. Does the Telegraph object to this, and if so, why?

The fact is that the Liberals, for whom the Telegraph professes to speak, neglected the opportunity of securing a railway down the St. John river and the Provincial Government had to undertake to provide the facilities lost by the desire of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to cater to Mr. Fielding and "the solid eighteen" from Nova Scotia, and the failure of Mr. Pugsley,

Mr. Carvell and other New Brunswick Liberals to stand up for the rights of this province. Having failed in their plain duty they sought to place every obstacle in the way of the completion of the railway by their political opponents and now, when the road's construction has been carried to a point where completion is a certainty, they attempt to indulge in unwarranted criticism because it was not built more rapidly. The game is too transparent and will deceive no one. It is being played, not in the interests of St. John or of the Valley Railway, but to the order of the small group of Liberal opportunists for whom the Telegraph speaks.

### CONCERNING AN ELECTION.

Liberal newspapers are once more devoting attention to the question of a Dominion election and laboriously attempting to show that if the people should be called to the polls in war time it will not be the fault of the opposition. It would be much nearer the truth if those newspapers were to admit that a war time election can only be brought about through the unreasonableness of the Laurier party.

The claim is made that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has offered to stop all criticism of the Government if Sir Robert Borden will agree that no election will be held during the war. The inconsistency of the Laurier attitude is plainly evident from this. If the Government's war policy is wrong it is the duty of the Liberals to criticize it and if they fail to do so they are recreant in that duty. Laurier has indulged in criticism and the press supporting him have carried on a scandalous campaign. Yet he is prepared to cease if Sir Robert Borden will agree not to hold an election until after the war.

This savors of patriotism for a price. If the Government has properly and honestly conducted the affairs of this country in relation to the great struggle in which the Empire is engaged, there is no room for criticism and indulgence in it is a cheap partisan ploy. What has the fear of an election to do with it in either case except to reveal that the Laurier course has been dictated by the interests of the Liberal party rather than of the country?

The Liberals agreed to co-operate with the Government in the carrying out of Canada's war policy. They did so co-operate to the extent of voting for the expenditure of certain sums of money. But they vigorously opposed every plan by which it was suggested to raise the revenues to meet the necessary outlay for war purposes. Was that true co-operation or was it politics?

Sir Robert Borden's imperial record is too well and too favorably known for the Liberal newspapers to successfully attempt to make the country believe it will be his wish, or the wish of his colleagues and supporters to divide the people on political questions at a time when there should be the utmost unity of thought and action. As to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he broke his pledged word once and is likely to do it again if he thinks the risk is not too great. An election can only come if the Laurier party refuses to acquiesce in the proposals of the Government. Measure Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the standard of Imperial statesmanship and it will be apparent at once that, if the attention of the people of Canada is distracted from the affairs of Empire to give attention to purely domestic matters, the responsibility will not rest on the shoulders of the Premier.

### SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE.

By the death of Sir William C. Van Horne, which occurred in Montreal on Saturday, one of Canada's most prominent nation-builders passed from the scene of his labors and successes. The man who directed the affairs and policies of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the years when Canada was still in swaddling, lived to see the realization of many of his fondest ambitions. He was one of that notable group of Canadians who started life at the foot of the ladder, and by the exercise of wonderful ability worked their way to the pinnacle of achievement in their chosen field. Becoming identified with the Canadian Pacific

Railway at its infancy he carried that great undertaking to its completion, and on its operation as a trans-continental line accepted the vice-presidency of the company, and literally directed its every undertaking.

Retiring some years ago from active connection with the road he found time to engage in other immense enterprises and also to cultivate a wide and accurate knowledge of art and literature. He was one of the most accomplished of the big men of Canada, and would have won more than ordinary success in practically any profession.

Referring to his achievements in the Canadian Pacific, a writer in the Montreal Herald, several years ago, said Sir William Van Horne was "endowed in remarkable measure with imagination and force, the two qualities forming the exact combination required to forecast the wonderful possibilities that lay within the plan for spanning the continent and to carry out the practical work necessary to realize them. If the secret of Sir William's success could be epitomized in one sentence it would be this—"He could make his dreams come true." A greater power is not given to man.

The Telegraph and Times appear to be deeply concerned as to the future of Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, and attempt to take The Standard to task because this newspaper has not seen fit to pronounce on the guilt or innocence of that gentleman in advance of Commissioner Chandler's report. The Standard feels that the commissioner appointed to enquire into the charges preferred against Mr. Stewart is thoroughly capable of discharging that duty without advice from this newspaper or any other. If conditions were different, if, for instance, there was a gentleman of the Carvell stripe to "sit on the lid" and prevent the production of evidence material to the case, it might be necessary for newspapers to take objection to such a course, but there has been no disposition on the part of Commissioner Chandler, or any member of the Clarke Government to stifle a complete investigation of all matters coming within the scope of the court of enquiry. When the commissioner's report is received it will probably be found that he has done full justice to all concerned. It would be the decent thing for the Telegraph and Times to await his judgement before indulging in forced and foolish fulminations.

### DORCHESTER NOTES

Dorchester, Sept. 8.—Mr. L. S. Hutchinson, formerly chief-keeper of the Penitentiary here, but now of Truro, N. S., was in town for two days last week, renewing old acquaintances.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, D.D., of Mt. Allison University, was in town over Sunday last.

The Dorchester Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, have opened a subscription list for the purchase of a machine gun. They have placed \$150.00 on the list. Mr. A. V. Smith, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, has been made the treasurer of the fund.

The Misses Annie and Eleanor Lockhart and Miss Julia Palmer, of this place have gone to Fredericton, N. B., and entered on the Normal School Course.

Miss Bessie Wright, of Hopewell, Albert Co., N. B., is the guest of Mrs. C. S. Starratt.

J. T. Heliot, B.A., an honor graduate of U.N.B., and for a period of two years a teacher in the city schools at Fredericton, will enter Harvard University, this autumn, and pursue the studies in the law.

Miss Cumming, Deputy Matron of the penitentiary, is spending a well earned holiday in Moncton, N. B., the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emmerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Starratt, and son Charles, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Starratt.

Mrs. ate Craig of Oranquit, Me., is the guest of Mr. A. A. Steeves, of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Palmer, has returned to Brockton, Mass., after spending pleasantly a three weeks vacation with her parents here.

A very successful dance was held in Hickman's Hall last evening, under the auspices of the Acadian young people.

Miss Jean Chapman, of Salisbury, N. B., is the guest of Mrs. G. B. Burnett here.

Mrs. Hunter, of Moncton, is the guest of Mrs. Lucy McGrath.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Teed, leave for Toronto, tomorrow.

Mrs. C. S. Hickman and Mrs. John Hickman leave for Niagara Falls, N. Y., this evening by Maritime Express, and will be the guests of Mrs. C. S. Hickman's mother.

Mrs. H. R. Emmerson, of Amherst, N. S., is the guest of Miss Emmerson here.

Miss Olive Smith, of Brockton, Mass., who has spent her vacation here, (the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Palmer, has returned to her home in the Bay State City.

Rev. Kenneth Kingston, a former pastor of the Methodist church here, is in town.

The news of the death of Miss Edna Corning, a Foreign Missionary in Samalootia, India, was received

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Pop took me around to the shoe store before he went down to the office this morning, to get me a new pair of every-day shoes, awn skunk of the shoemaker saying he couldn't fix my old wuns any moar and my Sunday wuns being made of patent lethr.

Will you get me wite canvas wuns like Puds Simkins and Skinny Martin has, pop, I sed.

Now I've got just 5 minits to tny you a pare of good, black regular shoes, and I dont want to heer any apotches, argwments or suggest-shins, sed pop.

Yes sir, canvas shoos dont cost as much as black wuns, I sed. Dont begin, sed pop. And we went in the shoe store and the man went and got a pare of black shoos and put them awn me, saying, Now get up and stamp around and see how they feel.

Wich I did, saying, The heels hert. Awl rite, Ill try anuthr pare, sed the man. Wich he went to get them, pop saying, Blast it awl, ive only got 5 minits, and I sed, I dont think canvas shoos evir hert.

Try these awn, sed the man. And he put anuthr pare awn me and I got up and stamped around, saying, The toes feel funny, I dont think canvas toes evir feel funny.

Did you heer me say I was in a hurry, sed pop. His anstwy remarkabl, but Ill try anuthr pare, sed the man. Wich he went and got them and put them awn me, saying, Well, howe that.

To big, I sed. O, jumping blazes, giva him a -are of canvas shoos, sed pop. Wich the man did and they fitted grate and pop paid the man and ran and got awn a car to go down town, and I went around to show Puds and Skinny they wasent the only wuns that had canvas shoos.

with many regrets here by her classmates, and former pastor, Rev. B. H. Thomas.

Miss Muriel Thomas went to Halifax, N. S., today.

The recent effort to raise funds for patriotic purposes by the Ladies of the D. O. D. E. by means of circulating with boxes resulted in obtaining the nice sum of \$162.38.

Mr. George Bishop and Mrs. Bishop will spend their vacation in Massachusetts, guests of their daughters.

daughter, Mrs. J. H. Baird.

Miss Emily Simmons, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Maxerolle, returned to her home in Chatham on Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Lagout and two children, who have been visiting relatives in St. John, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Hannah and little son returned home from Halifax on Wednesday after visiting Mrs. Hannah's sister, Mrs. Irving MacNeil.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson returned home from Halifax on Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Amiraux returned home from Yarmouth, N. S., on Wednesday.

Mr. Allen MacInerney went to Chatham on Saturday to attend college.

Miss Mary MacDonald went to St. John Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Elward, who was visiting friends in town returned to Lawrence, Mass., on Wednesday.

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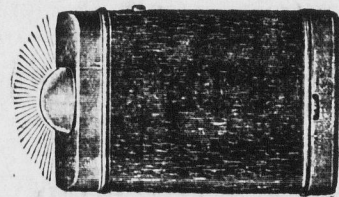
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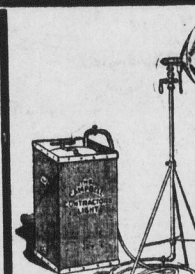
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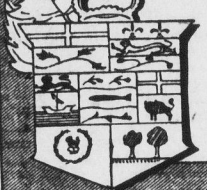
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## FUNERALS.

The funeral of Ralph Stanley Crawford took place on Saturday afternoon, at 2:03 o'clock from his late residence, 86 Pitt street, to Trinity church where burial services were conducted. Interment took place in Fernhill.

The funeral of Dorothy C. infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Higgins, took place on Saturday afternoon from the residence of her parents, 149 Millidge avenue.

Keep the date in mind, September 20. Then get ready for the canvas season.