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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.

## PUBLIC PRINTING.

The appointment of a committee to advise the public printing of the Canadian Government is a reform which should have been instituted many years ago, for there can be no question of the statement that thousands of dollars have been wasted year after year since Confederation by the publication of reports of Dominion departments and of scores of subsidiary boards and officials whose activities, while essential to the administration of the country, are not at all such public interest that it is necessary to preserve them in print. There is not a newspaper in the country that does not receive copies of such publications every year and in the case of the larger papers the number is many times increased. Some of these are of value and are carefully read and saved for purposes of reference, others are never opened and are very doubtful if any person reads them except the man interested in their preparation and the proofreader.

The present Government is not to blame for the condition. Rather is it a legacy handed to them by their predecessors in office, and to the Laurier administration in turn by those who preceded it. No one government can be censured for what has not been a matter of a nuisance and a burden, but the Government which has sufficient courage to sever the red tape tradition and custom and put the business of public printing on a business basis is deserving of commendation.

The appointment of an editorial board to determine what shall and shall not be printed in the public reports is the proper move. It will tend to abate a nuisance and save money.

## THE LIBERALS AND CLOSURE.

Of all the members on the Liberal side of the House of Commons none objected to the application of closure in the War-Time Elections Act debate more strongly than did our friend, Mr. Hughes of St. John, and, dutifully following his lead, the Telegraph and Times refer to the closure as "agreed."

But what did Mr. Hughes think of closure when he was a member of the Laurier cabinet? We find that on July 24th, 1911, he delivered himself of the following:

"The threats which honorable gentlemen have made since the afternoon, tend towards almost, if not quite, revolutionizing the theory which has hitherto prevailed. That theory has been that gentlemen would recognize not only their right but their duty and that is that THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY SHALL PREVAIL. That is recognized throughout this country as governing all assemblies, all meetings in which people are concerned, and at any meeting attended by the people of this country, wherever there has been fair and reasonable opportunity for the discussion of any question. THE MINORITY HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT THE VIEW OF THE MAJORITY SHALL PREVAIL. THAT IS SO FAR IN ALL EVENTS AS THAT body is concerned; and so in this Parliament. I ask is it not tending to destroy free parliamentary institutions for honorable gentlemen to rise, as they have risen to-day, and threaten that this question shall not be allowed to come to a vote?"

"I do not care what took place in 1896. I was not here in 1896. I SAY IT IS NOT IN HARMONY WITH THE PRINCIPLE WHICH OUGHT TO GOVERN PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS THAT GENTLEMEN SHOULD RISE IN THEIR PLACES AND THREATEN, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEIR VIEWS ARE NOT THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY THAT THERE SHALL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE UPON THIS QUESTION, and no opportunity, in a constitutional way, of giving expression to the views of the majority of this House. THAT IS REVOLUTIONARY; IT IS NOT IN HARMONY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT."

The Liberals when in power approved of closure; the Liberals in opposition denounce it and characterize it as "ag rule" and "Prussianism."

## THE EXEMPTION BOARDS.

The determination of the Government to make the machinery by which the Military Service Act shall be administered absolutely free from the slightest suspicion of political partiality is well evidenced by the selection of officials connected with the administration of the Act in this province. The selection committee for New Brunswick is composed of Mr. M. G. Todd, K. C., whose standing in the community is the highest and who is a Conservative in politics, and Mr. J. J. McCann, a well known citizen of Fredericton, and an active Liberal. These gentlemen will select one mem-

ber of each of the local tribunals in the province. The other members are to be appointed by the judges of the county courts.

Judge Armstrong has already made his appointments for St. John city and county and in choosing his men has not been influenced by political considerations. Both political parties are well represented on the board and there will be no fear of favoritism being shown. The standing of the appointments is sufficient guarantee of that.

The same procedure is being followed all over Canada and it is certain that all applications coming before the tribunals will be decided upon their merits and with due regard to the national welfare. This is as it should be for the Military Service measure is too big a proposition to be dealt with in any but the broadest spirit.

## A SOLDIER TO GET IT.

The Standard learns with pleasure that Premier Foster has asked Secretary Robinson of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission to recommend a war veteran for the vacant position on the Board of Motion Picture Censors. Mr. Robinson has named Frederick Hyatt, who was also the nominee of the Great War Veterans' Association. The premier's zeal for the appointment of a returned soldier is commendable, but it is regrettable that he did not communicate something of the sort to the Carter-Foster patronage committee which met recently to consider the claims of three applicants, and Mr. Hyatt was not one of them.

After the premier's most recent action Mr. Hyatt's appointment is assured and this precedent having been established it will, of course, be expected that Carterites shall consider returned soldiers for all vacant positions in the gift of the provincial government. This may cause disappointment to some party leaders but, if faithfully adhered to, will be a step in the right direction. The Dominion Government long ago took the ground that returned soldiers should have the preference for appointment to all positions they were qualified to fill and has faithfully followed that course. The Liberals at Fredericton will do well to follow the example of the Conservatives at Ottawa.

## GOOD ADVICE.

"Conscription as a principle may be a subject of debate, but not now. This democracy has adopted it for the purpose of this war, and does not wish it to be held in abeyance. This Government by its chosen representatives has declared this war. If there be any who think it is not justified let them not be of aid and comfort to the enemy by voicing those sentiments."

The foregoing advice given by Vice-President Marshall of the United States regarding anti-conscription talk in that country briefly sums up the position of those who do not believe in the principle of conscription. In the abstract, the conscription of men for military service is the legitimate topic for debate and argument. But conscription is no longer in the abstract form. We have adopted conscription in order to preserve the liberty of our country. There is no longer room or justification for argument as to the merits or demerits, or the justice or injustice, of this form of raising men for service, since such argument is a hindrance to the country in defending itself and an assistance to the enemy.

## AN OPEN VERDICT.

The verdict of the coroner's jury investigating the murder of Harry L. Williams was the only decision that could be arrived at with reasonable certainty. But the mystery surrounding the case is as deep as ever. It may be, as suggested in some quarters, that the police have evidence upon which they are working which will lead to the detection of the murderer. Of this, of course, the public cannot be informed. But whether this information is or is not in the hands of the local police force the suggestion of the jury that a reward should be offered for the solution of the criminal mystery is a good one. Nothing should be left undone which, in any way, may help to bring to justice the perpetrator of a brutal crime. St. John is known as a law-abiding city. It is not to our credit that a crime of this sort shall go unpunished.

## THEY, TOO, SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED.

The parliamentary candidate who elects to be tried by ex-subjects of the Kaiser and by pacifists of enemy country origin rather than by citizens of British birthright ought not to have a seat in the National Legislature.

The politician who is not willing to accept as the war-time trustees of his riding the voters there who were born under the British flag is not worthy of the confidence of those voters. The newspaper or agitator that pleads for the war-time vote for citizens of enemy country birth on the ground that the withdrawal of it would hurt their feelings, thereby shows more concern for party advantage than for the safety of the country. Among the citizens of enemy birth there are many whose loyalty to Canada is a thousand times better quality than that of the small partisan who professes to have more regard for their susceptibilities than for the blood our heroes are shedding at the front—Mail and Empire.

## SWEDEN MAKES STILL ANOTHER EXPLANATION

Minister at Berlin Instructed to Hand to German Government Strong Protest Against Abuse of Confidence.

Stockholm, Sept. 20.—It was announced at the Swedish ministry of foreign affairs today that after the publication by the Washington state department of the code telegrams forwarded by Count Von Luxburg, the German minister to Argentina, through the Swedish legation at Buenos Ayres, the Swedish government on September 10, asked through the intermediary of the Swedish minister at Berlin, whether it was true that the German representative at Buenos Ayres had despatched and the ministry of foreign affairs at Berlin had received, the telegrams in question.

When the reply was received the Swedish minister at Berlin on September 15 was instructed by the Swedish government to hand to the German government a strong protest in consequence of these incidents and to lay stress on the fact that it had been explained beyond doubt that German officials very seriously had abused the confidence of Sweden.

The communication made by the German minister at Stockholm to the Swedish minister of foreign affairs, mentioned in the Swedish official statement of September 17, had no connection with the protest made by the Swedish government.

## CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN CITY MARKET QUOTATIONS

The quotations in the St. John market have fluctuated considerably during the week, this being especially noticeable in canned goods and hides and skins. The price for hides and skins on almost all the varieties of canned goods—corn, string beans, sliced and grated pineapple, peas, raspberries, tomatoes, and strawberries being effected. Manitoba flour remains unchanged; Ontario has receded from \$12.15 to \$11.95 a barrel. Only two changes are noted in groceries. Apples increased 1c, and the price on yellow-eyed beans being lowered 5c, and 35c. In the fruit line American oranges have been replaced by the Canadian variety, which is selling for \$3.00 and \$3.25 per 75 pound bag. Moose hides are appearing on the market and are priced at 5c a pound for the former and 10c a pound for the latter. Several changes occur in the quotations on hides and skins, green and salted hides and calfskins being lower in price, and lambskins selling for 25c more for last week.

## WEDDINGS

**Farris-Farris.**  
 A quiet wedding took place at the home of the officiating clergyman, 80 Main street last evening, when Rev. Dr. Hutchinson united in marriage Miss Laura Ruby Farris of Upper Jenning, and George Allan Farris, of Cambridge, Queens Co. The young couple left by the Fredericton train for a honeymoon trip and on their return will take up their residence at the Narrows, Queens Co.

**Dickson-Lee.**  
 At the Mansie, Millerton on Tuesday, Sept. 18, Rev. Alex. Riddle officiated in the marriage of Miss Jane Lee of Lower Derby and Mr. John Dickson of Napier.

## OBITUARY.

The death of William R. Robson occurred last evening at his home, St. John street west, St. John. The deceased leaves besides his wife three sons and six daughters, three brothers and two sisters. The sons are Herbert, George and Frederick; the daughters, Mrs. Charles Cohey, Mrs. Dickson-Lee.

## Sure Way to Get Rid Of Dandruff

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## Little Benny's Note Book

I was setting on my front steps reading The Boy Scouts on the High Seas, and Pude Simkins and Leroy Shooter were setting there tawling, and all of a sudden they started to argue about which has the most sense, a flea or a fly. Pude Simkins saying, Sertainly a flea got the most sense, if a fly got as much sense as a flea why don't it hide in some dog's ears instead of flying around where everybody can swat it? Everybody can't swat it, that's just it, a fly got sense enough to dodge, it don't ha't to hide like a old coward like a flea, sed Leroy Shooter.

Who are you calling a coward, ma? sed Pude.

Yes, if you're a flea, sed Leroy Shooter.

Who are you calling a flea? sed Pude. Wich by that time both of them was tawling so loud and mad that I couldn't hardly read, and I sed, Hay, shut up, you 2, will you. G wize, wais the differents wich has the most sense, a flea or a fly, G wize.

O, is that so, who told you so much? sed Pude.

Wat rite are you got to tell people to shut up? Whose argowment is it, enyway? sed Leroy Shooter.

I gess you think you know everything, setting there with that book, dont you, sed Pude.

I bet you woodnt know the differents between a flea and a fly if you saw them both wawking along together, sed Leroy Shooter.

Aw, Im going in the house and read, I sed.

Wich I did.

Everett Shaw, Mrs. Leonard Armstrong, Mrs. John Durant, Misses Bertha and Georgia, John, Charles and James, all of West St. John are the brothers while Mrs. Stephen Purdy of West St. John and Mrs. Stephen Bissett of Boston are sisters.

The deceased was 82 years of age, and a life long resident of the west side, and for a long time was engaged as one of the engineers on the ferry steamer.

## ANDOVER

Andover, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Jack Andrews and Master Jack Evans, of Bathurst, were visiting Mrs. Harry Tibbitts the early part of the week. Miss Elizabeth Ketchum returned to her home in Woodstock on Tuesday after a short visit with Mrs. Reed Bell.

Miss Millicent Carter is visiting in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thurlough, Mrs. Elizabeth Hacker, Mrs. Sarah Libby and Donald Osborne of Fort Fairfield, were in the village on Friday en route to St. John by motor.

Mrs. Harold Alcorn and son, Douglas, returned on Thursday from a visit of several weeks in St. Stephen and Campbell.

Mrs. A. G. Garter entertained on Monday evening in honor of her guests Mrs. Warwick and Miss Hazel Garter who left on Tuesday for their homes in Boston.

Mrs. Frederick Foss, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. W. Eastbrook during the week.

Mrs. Fred Chase of St. John was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eastbrook during the week.

Last Monday evening Mrs. James McPhail entertained at a jolly party for her daughter, Mary, in honor of her eleventh birthday. Delightful refreshments were served by Misses Grace and Gertrude McPhail and Marion Ketchum.

Mrs. R. W. Eastbrook is him to a visit to her old home in St. John.

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