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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.

A TIMES' QUESTION ANSWERED.

The Times last evening used first page space to display the following:

HERE'S QUESTION FOR STANDARD AND ITS FRIENDS

Tell the People About the Terminal Company and Who Are Behind It and What It Is For.

The Standard gave prominence to an anonymous letter insinuating that the railway route for the Valley Railway is prompted by purely personal and selfish motives, as they own property near the proposed route from Rothesay into the city.

Will the Standard go a step farther? Will it tell the people all about the proposed terminal company which is intended to operate in connection with the west side deal? Will it tell the whole story, what the terminal company is to do, who are to be its members, and whether the rumor is true that a prominent advocate of the west side route is slated as chairman? Will it give his name? There is a lot The Standard could tell, no doubt, if it cared to do so. Its readers would like the information.

The Standard is pleased to gratify the curiosity of its contemporary. As far as this newspaper knows the terminal company, to which reference is made, was suggested several years ago as a means for handling traffic from Westfield to St. John on the West Side and from Rothesay to St. John on the East Side. The function of such a company would be to control the terminals of all railways and see to it that all roads had equal access to them. Similar arrangements have been found to work with success in Chicago, Boston, Toronto and other large cities where traffic is handled by competing roads. The plan, as suggested, was that the arrangement should be under government control, but for some years nothing has been heard of it. The statement of the Times that any citizen, either an advocate of the western or any other route for the Valley Railway "is slated as chairman" is, as far as this newspaper knows, without foundation. The Times says: "There is a lot The Standard could tell." One thing this newspaper can inform its readers and the Times is that the story published on the Times' first page last evening was absolute rot, unwarranted and untrue.

NO TRIUMPH FOR CARVELL.

No matter what opposition newspapers may be inclined to say about it, the fact that Sir Robert Borden has decided to place in the hands of a Royal Commission the duty of investigating shell contracts with which Col. J. Wesley Allison is alleged to be connected, cannot be construed into a triumph for F. B. Carvell. That gentleman has not yet succeeded in correcting all of the misstatements in his latest speech regarding munitions, although quite a number of them have been corrected for him by gentlemen concerned.

For instance, Mr. Carvell made certain allegations concerning the Winnipeg Bridge Company and, the following day was forced to read a telegram in the House of Commons denying every one of them. He also had something to say regarding Hon. A. E. Kemp, and that gentleman, himself, refuted the statements and proved conclusively that Mr. Carvell either did not know what he was talking about or was guilty of deliberate misrepresentation.

Latterly, he has attempted to include Col. Carnegie of the Shell Committee in the charges with Col. Allison, but in this he also failed. Mr. Boys, M. P., after stating that Mr. Carvell intended to impute charges of corruption, read the following letter:

March 13, 1916.
Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, P. C., G. C. M. G., Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert: I have just read in Hansard the speech made on shell contracts by Mr. Carvell, in which he states on page 1,625 that I had nefarious transactions with Allison regarding contracts for fuses.

I am aware that Mr. Carvell has made many statements throughout his address which have not a vestige of truth in them, but here he makes a distinct charge against my character, and as I am unable to challenge him in the House of Commons and demand an apology from him there, may I ask you, as

prime minister, and on my behalf, to give the lie to his statements, and invite him to repeat his accusations against me where he will render himself amenable to the civil law.

All the negotiations I have had in connection with the fuse contracts in the States, both alone and in conjunction with General Bertram, have been absolutely frank, straight and above board, and I shall not permit any man to refer to my character in this way.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) DAVID CARNEGIE.

Misrepresentation of men and motives is not a new game with Carvell, neither is it uncommon that the statements should be brought directly home to him. Col. Carnegie invites him to repeat his allegations outside the House of Commons where he can be dealt with according to the law of the land. It may be remembered that the proprietors of the Ottawa Free Press, the chief Liberal organ in Ottawa, issued a similar challenge and promised, as does Col. Carnegie, to take the matter up in the courts. Mr. Carvell has not since been heard from.

It is also reported around Parliament Hill that, on another occasion, Mr. Carvell made statements affecting one Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, and the latter gentleman waited for the "courageous" New Brunswicker to see if he would repeat them where the suit could be answered in good old fashioned way. Mr. Carvell, however, suddenly remembered an engagement elsewhere. It does not require a very high quality of courage to criticize a man's character or motives when the critic knows he is amply protected and immune from any possible reprisals.

MORE "POLITICAL FICTION."

Apparently there is no limit to which the Morning Annapolis, through its editors or its political fiction writer at Fredericton, will not go in its efforts to prejudice the Government of New Brunswick or any member of it. A few days ago The Standard had occasion to correct misstatements of the Telegraph concerning Hon. J. A. Murray's reply to questions by Mr. Dugal and also in connection with an alleged "hurry call" received by Mr. Murray and Attorney General Baxter to proceed to Ottawa. In one case it was shown that the Telegraph had deliberately suppressed part of Mr. Murray's statement thereby completely changing the purport of the words printed and, in the other, the fulfillment of a business engagement previously made had been distorted into an errand of great emergency.

On Thursday morning last in the course of an editorial the Telegraph said:

"Another opposition inquiry had to do with the old Central Railway. It appears that the province which was to get five per cent. of the net earnings—an indefensible bargain—is now paying the C. P. R. interest on \$97,000 which the C. P. R. spent on improving the railway after the province virtually presented it to the big corporation. In addition to this the province continues to pay interest on the cost of the Central. Evidently fifty per cent. of the net earnings under the present arrangement, will always amount to zero. But whatever the C. P. R. chooses to spend on 'betterments' means so much more interest for the province to pay. It is a nice job."

According to the Telegraph's statement one would be led to believe that the Province was paying to the C. P. R. interest on \$97,000 which the railway company had spent in improving the old Central Railway, the railway with which certain Liberals were prominently and unpleasantly connected. The fact of the matter is that when the Government came into power after years of Grit misrule the Central Railway was in such shape that it could not be given away, and as its running expenses and the upkeep of its scanty equipment would amount to a good deal in excess of its earnings it was thought to be a good bargain to get the C. P. R. to take it under a 999 year lease. It is true that the Government will have to pay the interest on the indebtedness of the old Central, an indebtedness left to them as a legacy from former administrations, but they are clear of the running expenses of the road. Under the lease

the road is turned over to the C. P. R. at an annual rental of 50 per cent. of its net earnings, the province to bear one-twenty-fifth of the expenditure for improvements, etc., and pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on such expenditure, the one-twenty-fifth and interest to be deducted from the net earnings before the rental is calculated.

If there are not sufficient earnings from the road the Province pays no interest, neither will the Province be called upon to pay interest unless the earnings are sufficient to meet the item for improvements. Up to the present time the Province has not been called upon to pay any interest under this new arrangement nor is there any likelihood of future payments. The impression which the Telegraph seeks to convey, namely, that the present Government has taken nearly \$100,000 out of the revenues of the Province and handed it over to the Canadian Pacific Railway is entirely without foundation in fact. It is merely another piece of the "political fiction" which has recently found so much space in the columns of the Morning Annapolis.

SURPRISED LIBERALS.

It is absolutely certain now that, in making allegations concerning war contracts, Liberals at Ottawa thought they were manufacturing campaign material, little dreaming that the Government would take their imputations seriously. Seized to the methods of the Blockade Brigade, which operated so fearfully under the rule of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, they forgot that a new regime had been ushered in and that Sir Robert Borden would not stand for anything approaching a suspicion of wrong doing. Consequently, the Premier has named two members of a Royal Commission to investigate the "charges" and has enlarged the scope of that commission to take in any other allegations that may be made. Nothing could be fairer than this and yet we are met by the statement from Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the proposal is "absolutely unacceptable" to him.

What the Liberals want is not an investigation by Royal Commission, under conditions of decency and decorum, but an enquiry in Parliament where there will be an opportunity for mud slinging of the gutter type and where the Carvelles and the Kyles can get in their fine work.

This is precisely what Sir Robert Borden will not grant. He will probe all charges or imputations to the bottom and permit full legitimate enquiry into all transactions, even though the interests of the Empire suggest that all efforts should be directed toward the suppression of facts which might be of value to the Empire enemies. For months the Government at Ottawa has permitted the opposition to persist in the circulation of false and misleading statements but the limit has been reached. In future the gentlemen to the left of Mr. Speaker must accept their full responsibility and make good their allegations or stand before the bar of public opinion convicted as unpatriotic slanderers.

STARVATION OR MERCILESS TORTURE

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Little Benny's Note Book

Sum of the felloes was setting on my front steps this afternoon, wondering what to do, and I had a idea, and I sed. How about getting up a play, Ill be stage manager for thinking of it.

All rite, Ill be the villin, sed Shlany Martin. There aint going to be any villin, this is a funny play and we all half to be comedians, I sed. And I told them all who they was supposed to be, Puds Skinkins being the court jester, Shlany Martin being the prince, Sam Cravens being the royal messenger, Sid Hunt being the queen and me being another court jester and Ed Werack being the king.

Well wat are we supposed to do, sed Sid Hunt. Me not noting wat to tell them to do, so I sed, Jest do watever you feel like, as lawns as its funny, and that will make it seem more natural, thats the way they do in reel plays.

All rite, Ill come on the stage first, sed Puds Skinkins. And he started to jump around the pavement making noises like a court jester, and the other court jester, being me, got up and started to jump around with him. The King has come, upon my sole, look at the court jester, upon my sole, ha ha ha ha ha.

And the court jester started to jump all around the king, and then the queen came in, being Sid Hunt, saying, Hee hee laffed the queen. And the king and queen started to jump around the court jester while the court jester was jumping around the king and queen, and Jest, then Shlany Martin jumped and hit the king a feare crack in the middle of the back, saying, Ha ha, yee gods, I have merced my father, the king.

Im a ded king, upon my sole, sed Ed Werack. And he fell down ded, and I yelled, Hay, didnt I say this was supposed to be a funny play.

How can it be a funny play wen theres a merced in it, sed Sid Hunt. merced, merced, my husband is ded, he is nothing but a cork.

Kill the villin, yelled Sam Cravens. And he jumped off the steps rite on Shlany Martins back, and the queen yelled, Save my son, hes innocent and didnt no eay better. And he started to pull Sam off of Shlany's back, and then the rest of us all jumped in yelling, and pritty soon we was all own getting our heds nocked against the pavement, and the play broke up with all the actors setting on my front steps agen pulling there stockings down to see if there neez was skinned and different things.

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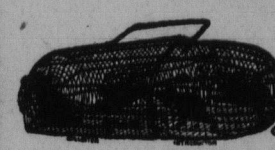
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MARRIAGES.

Yesterday afternoon at 2.30 Rev. Dr. Hutchinson united in marriage Private Thomas Vernon Thorne of the 140th Battalion to Miss Elsie Gertrude Byers. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents, 71 Melville street. Many friends were present, who wished the young couple a long and happy wedded life.

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Deserters Taken Back.

Sergeant R. Cochran and two military police from the 112th Battalion arrived in the city yesterday to take charge of two deserters, who left Windsor, N. S., last Thursday morning. Both the men had disposed of their uniforms and were attired in working clothes when arrested. The party in charge of the deserters left last night for Windsor on the Halifax train.

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