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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.

ST. JOHN AND VALLEY RAILWAY

The Valley Railway is once more a favorite topic of discussion by political agitators who are assisting the Telegraph and Times in the game of blaming the Clarke Government for the fact that the road is not already running into St. John. The anxious ones, however, are no more consistent in their latest attacks than in former efforts along the same line. They claim that the road should come to the city by the very best route and yet they condemn the Clarke Government for attempting, by experts, to discover the precise points at which the road shall cross the St. John and Kennebec rivers and on which the best route will, of course, depend. There has been a strong demand that the road shall come to this city on the east side of the River St. John. The original Montserrat surveys were made with that idea in mind. But it was found that the cost of crossing the rivers at the points recommended by Engineer Montserrat, would be very high and Premier Clarke correctly determined to have borings taken elsewhere to ascertain if better bridge sites could be found. That was the proper thing to do.

The people want the railway and want it to come down the east side of the river. They are not particular as to the exact point of crossing the St. John and if a better location than that suggested by Engineer Montserrat can be secured, one which will give a saving in cost as well as in mileage, surely the people of this city and province want that crossing. It is to discover such a location that borings have been taken and from the partial report of the engineer in charge of that operation, submitted to the Provincial Government at Fredericton yesterday, it is believed the result shows that good bottom for bridges can be secured at the points being investigated.

Surely the people of St. John want the road by the shortest route and the bridges where they can be built to the best advantage. Those who hold a contrary opinion are putting political considerations ahead of the best commercial interests.

Hon. Mr. Clarke, by his strong action in setting aside the contractors and placing the affairs of the road in the hands of a body of business men, whose sole interest is the interest of the people, has done as much as it is possible to do to take the routing and completion of the railway outside of the political sphere. He should be given all due credit for his action instead of which we find him attacked by the Telegraph and other supporters of the opposition who would probably like to see the Valley Road put back into the turmoil of politics.

It should not be forgotten that the Valley Road was made necessary by the failure of the Laurier government to route the N. T. R. down the Valley of the St. John, where it should have gone, and where it would have gone had Mr. Carvell and others done their duty by supporting the late Mr. Blair in his fight for this port. But the influence of Mr. Fielding and the "solid eighteen" from Nova Scotia was too strong and the N. T. R. was routed away from St. John and on to Halifax.

In its attempt to create capital against the Provincial Government, and to show St. John at a disadvantage compared with Halifax, the Telegraph yesterday morning said that "the I. C. R. from Moncton to Halifax and the port of Halifax are being speedily prepared to handle the volume of new traffic coming from the west over the Grand Trunk Pacific." If St. John had received its rights from the Laurier government, the Grand Trunk Pacific would have been running to this port and the "volume of new traffic" to which the Telegraph refers would have been coming here.

The Provincial Government has been forced to build the Valley Road to overcome the result of the Laurier government's crime against St. John. It has been a difficult task, but Premier Clarke and his associates are handling it well and should receive credit for their work. At least, if they are to be criticized, the criticism should not come from men who stood supinely by and permitted the Grit party leaders who served under Lau-

The War Horse

(Helen M. Richardson, in Our Dumb Animals.)

Why am I left upon this barren field, A horse whose master never more will call— Wounded and bleeding where a cruel ball Did pierce me through; while all around me rise Moans of the dying handicapped like me? Men call it war, and claim 'tis ours to bear Heroes into the fray; and, when they fall, To agonize and suffer, 'e'en as they. Yet, wherefore, if there is no life beyond? For such as we, should suffering be borne That calls for Christian faith and martyr's blood?

Proudly we learn to step to martial notes; Madly we sniff the battle from afar; Bravely we bear a hero to the strife; Yet when he falls, though we like him With murderous shot and shell and moaning lie,

Why must we bear the agony and die Uncared for where we fall? God's love enfolds His meekest creatures; horse and man alike, Are folded in the mantle of his care. Oft on the battle-field man leaves us where We dropped our burden. 'T is a horse can tell, Writhing in agony, why "war is hell."

Efficiency of Bag pipes

(London Paper). The wounded Highlander in hospital was very depressed, and seemed to make no headway toward recovery. He was for ever talking about his "bonnie Scotland," and the idea occurred to the doctor that a Scotch pipe might rouse his spirits.

After some hunting around a piper was found, and it was arranged that he should present himself outside the hospital that night, and pour forth all the gems of Scottish music the pipes were capable of interpreting. This he did.

When the astute doctor turned up the next morning he eagerly asked the matron:

"Did the piper turn up?"
"He did," replied the matron.
"And how's our Scotch patient?"
"Oh, he's fine; I never saw such a change," said the matron.
"That's grand. It was a fine idea of mine to get that piper," said the delighted doctor.
"Yes," said the matron, sadly; "but the other thirty patients have all had a serious relapse."

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS HERE IN CONFERENCE

Good meetings in Centenary Church—Three hundred delegates present.

The 32nd annual convention of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Sunday School Association began in this city yesterday in Centenary Methodist church and will continue today and tomorrow. It is expected that over three hundred delegates will attend and about two hundred of these are from outside points. The morning was taken up with the registration and billeting of the delegates. The afternoon session was called to order with Rev. Wellington Camp in the chair. Devotions were led by the Rev. J. H. A. Anderson. The elementary division report was read by Mrs. Havelock Coy and the secondary division report by the Rev. G. A. Lawson. Dr. Charles E. Barker spoke at length on "Health and Happiness."

The delegates were then divided into two conferences, the elementary division with Mrs. H. Coy presiding, and the secondary division with the Rev. G. A. Lawson in the chair. In the elementary division the features included an address by Mrs. Coy, story telling in the primary department by Miss Helen Camp, and a demonstration of a half hour's exercise in a primary class conducted by Miss Lyle V. Kennedy which was very instructive.

In the secondary division splendid papers were read by Miss Alva Bissett, Frederick Myles and Samuel McCavour, on the subject of the boys and girls of the teen and their connection with the Sunday school. At the close of these programmes luncheon was served to the elementary division in the German street Baptist church elementary rooms by the ladies of the church. The executive met at Bond's.

Evening.

The evening session was held in the auditorium of the church. The Rev. W. Camp presided and called upon Rev. G. J. Bond, D. D., to address the convention. His response was a magnificent address, his subject being "Prayer and Power," and in this he remarked that power was the watch-

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

The telephone rang this afternoon and I answered it and it was Mr. Parkins to talk to Gladis and I went upstairs and she was in her room reading a book in a kimono, and I stood in the door a while looking at her, and then I said, Gladis.
"Why do you have to try to start something every time I get intrusted in a good book, and Gladis?"
I wasn't trying to start anything, I said.
And I stood there another little while looking at her and then I said, "What I was going to say was Mr. Parkins wants you down stairs."
Mr. Parkins, at this hour in the day, grate heavens, what can he want, said Gladis.
Don't ask me, he said he wanted to talk to you, I said.
And me in a kimono, and why did you stand there like a petrified mummy instead of telling me right away, said Gladis.
I was going to tell you and you interrupted me, I said.
Were you in the parlor? said Gladis.
No, in the setting room, I said. Being wate the telephone is, and Gladis said, Well, what in merseys name pizessed you to take him up there.
O I don't no, I said.
Go down and tell him I'll be down in 10 minutes, goodness, what a time to come calling, said Gladis.
And I went down and I stood in the telephone, she sees she will be here in 10 minutes, Mr. Parkins.
10 minutes, for the love of Peet, I've bin heer 5 awiredy, said Mr. Parkins.
That's wate she said, I said. And I put the telephone down and went downstairs and got my hat to be awiredy to go out in a hurry if I felt like it, and after a lawing while Gladis came down stairs and went in the setting room, saying, Wy, thares nobody heer, sumbody left the telephone reesever up, helo, helo, wate, my Mr. Parkins, Benny didnt say you were aw the telephone, O, is that so, Im dreadilly sorry, I got aw dressed, wate jest a seckond, please, Ill see if I can get hold of him. Wich she coodent.

word of the 20th century. Rev. W. Camp read a message from Marlon Lawrence of the International Sunday School Association, Chicago, containing the good wishes of the officials in her community. Replies were also read from the letters sent to His Majesty the King and His Highness the Governor General by the Convention at Sussex. These messages were received standing and were followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

R. T. Hayes followed with an address of welcome to the visiting delegates and mentioned the good work being done by the numerous Sunday schools connected with the convention.

Rev. G. A. Lawson, of Moncton, gave the concluding address, his subject being "Some Sunday School Values." He dealt with the work of the Bible School and the great results it was showing.

St. David's choir assisted in the singing which was much appreciated by the delegation.

Recruiting in Moncton.

Capt. L. P. D. Tilley returned home last night from Moncton where he was in conference with Lieut. W. L. A.

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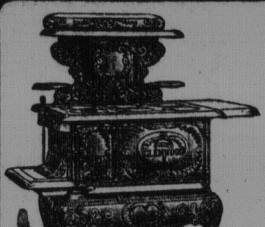
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