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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down
our arms until the 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.

FOSTER AND TWEEDDALE— "SAVERS."

Some of the newspapers supporting the Carter-Foster government are attempting to convey the impression that the work of the new administration has been considerably increased by the neglect of their predecessors, and cite alleged instances where the Premier-designate and the Minister of Agriculture have found that this condition particularly applied to the Department of Agriculture.

The Telegraph, yesterday morning, pointed out that the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. Fletcher Tweeddale, had made the astounding discovery that there was a shortage of seed potatoes and seed oats in the Hazen and Grimmer settlements of the County of Restigouche, and had taken immediate steps to remedy that appalling condition. The fact of the matter is that there has been no shortage of seed potatoes in any part of the province and also, in this regard, the Federal Government, which has been working hand in hand with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture had, weeks ago, sent out information as to the best seed for various soils and where it could be obtained. Possibly if Hon. Mr. Tweeddale had used a little ordinary common sense before rushing into print with his complaint or posing as the "saver" of Restigouche, he would have discovered that officials of his own department had the information he appears to have lacked. But he was much more interested in securing seed for a crop of political capital based on alleged neglect of the farmers' interest than he was in obtaining seed potatoes for the residents of Hazen and Grimmer. It is also not devoid of interest to note that the complaining settlements were those portions of Restigouche which gave the Foster party candidates their majority.

But Mr. Tweeddale makes the allegation that the Agricultural Department has run down because the Minister and Deputy had been busy with the recent provincial elections. That is not true. Hon. J. A. Murray did give some of his time to the campaign but the department was not neglected in any way.

Mr. Tweeddale's discovery is comparable to that of the Premier-designate on the day following his acceptance of the Lieutenant Governor's request to form a ministry. Accompanied by Mr. Edward S. Carter he wandered into the Agricultural Department and "discovered" that there was a serious situation in regard to fertilizer. With rare courage he grasped with it (through the columns of the Telegraph), and the next day it was announced that Mr. Foster was to "save" the people of this province from the fruits of gross neglect. Had the Premier-designate consulted the correspondence files in the Department he probably would have found that Hon. Mr. Murray had already taken up the fertilizer question with the Dominion authorities. Letters from Sir Henry Drayton would have shown that the transportation phase of the matter had also been given attention. This Mr. Foster did not do. Instead, according to the Telegraph, he "saved" the situation.

Another evidence that the Premier-designate is one of the greatest little savers in the business is to be found in the same issue of the Telegraph. Someone told Mr. Foster that the Tussock Moth had made visits to the Province. Now, it's a fact that Mr. Foster wouldn't know a Tussock Moth if he met one anywhere outside of the Telegraph office but, like St. George of old, he snuffed a chance to grapple with another dragon. It was a fine job of "saving" and right to his hand. At once he gripped with the moth and issued instructions that no matter what else went by the board, even if the Ferry Point bridge contract had to be cancelled and the people of that section of Kings County deprived of a much needed utility, the interests of the Province and the Empire demanded that that moth be given its quietus. Again the assistance of the moths of the Telegraph was requisitioned. Presto! The Tussock was in for the most serious period of its young life.

It is too bad to wither the laurels on Mr. Foster's young brow, laurels gained in his struggle with the moth. Even more serious is it to detract from the achievements of Mr. Foster's press agent, but the sad fact is that four years ago, when the Tussock Moth was first known to be in this province,

the Dominion and Provincial Governments entered upon a joint campaign against it, each paying half of the cost. Each year since that time crews have been abroad in the province and the fight against the pest has been well carried on. The result is that even before the Foster party triumphed at the polls New Brunswick had the Tussock Moth problem well in hand, and that without the use of a press agent or the expenditure of printers' ink.

The difference between the old and new governments is just this: Matters like the supply of seed potatoes, fertilizer, or grappling with the Tussock Moth problem, were treated as part of the regular routine of the Agricultural Department and were handled effectively but without "wind instrument" accompaniment. Evidently the Premier-designate and the new Minister of Agriculture intend to operate differently. And besides, something must be done to keep Mr. Carter busy as the party has to pay for his services anyway.

COMMISSIONER FISHER AND NATURE.

Commissioner Fisher's proposal that the civic street department should go into partnership with nature in the work of cleaning the streets will not meet with approval from the majority of those citizens who had to wade through from six to twelve inches of mud and slush yesterday. The Commissioner's plan may be all right and, as intimated in the Telegraph, he may save some money by such a partnership, but the fact remains that he made a poor start on it. Even while he was discussing the partnership agreement on Thursday the indications were for cooler weather and the desired change of wind and increased sun power did not operate in the expected direction. The result was that yesterday the streets of St. John were in a condition that would disgrace any small town in the province, let alone its chief city.

The Commissioner would be well advised to dissolve partnership at once. He has before him the example of a certain European war lord who was wont to boast of an intimate business relation with a higher providence. Nature, as an auxiliary to the civic Department of Public Works may be an ideal arrangement in theory but, in practice, the weight of evidence is decidedly in favor of the modern method of using men and teams. The Standard has no desire to pry Commissioner Fisher away from his abiding faith in the ability of nature to clean streets but we do humbly suggest that in the present case a little man-power assistance would be found of value. And, besides, man-power assistance is what the tax-payers pay for. Nature's method is free.

Since the Royal Gazette, supposed to be the official organ of the province of New Brunswick, has been printed in the office of the Fredericton Mail it has absorbed some of the general unreliability of that journal. The current issue of the Gazette, in its list of new appointments by the Provincial Government, contains the following:

"The premier to be a member of the governing board of the Boys' Industrial Home, St. John, in place of the Honourable John B. M. Baxter, K. C. resigned."

Hon. Mr. Baxter did not resign. At the council meeting yesterday Mayor Hayes was inclined to blame the Dominion Government for the fact that the extension of the breakwater towards Partridge Island had not been completed. Of course, in his observations, His Worship had no thought of introducing politics, and it is well for, as a good Liberal, he should not forget that the first gentleman to advocate that the extension of the breakwater be postponed until after the war was none other than his old friend, Hon. William Pugsley.

A German newspaper still declares that Germany will beat the world. The editor of that paper is out of the place. With his perverted vision and disregard of facts he should be on the Telegraph, or the Moncton Transcript.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT IN "MISSION" SCHOOLROOM.

A largely attended concert was held last night in the schoolroom of the Mission church to raise money for church purposes. The concert was under the direction of Miss Alder, church organist, who worked hard to make it a success. The different numbers were all well rendered and

the artists gained much applause for their efforts. The programme was as follows:
Pianoforte duet, "Witches Dance," Franz Behr—Mrs. J. A. Bull and Miss Alder.
Reading, "Mrs. Moriarty's Boy," Robt. W. Service—Miss Mary Logan.
Vocal solo, (a) "Joy of Life," Miss Knight.
Pianoforte solo, Miss Nevill MacKenzie.
Vocal solo, "The Land of the Long Ago," Mr. L. Clarke.
Reading, "Young Fellow My Lad," Robert W. Service—Master Sydney Smith.
Vocal solo, "Eve, and a Glowing West," C. F. Draper—Mr. Chester Bourne.
Pianoforte solo—Mrs. J. A. Bull.
Vocal solo, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Mr. D. Latimer.
Pianoforte duet, "Cardas," Miss Alder and Mrs. J. A. Bull.
Scene by Boy Scouts—Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds.

GROWING BUSINESS; MILITARY Y. M. C. A. WORK



CAPT. C. W. BISHOP
Who will be here with Major Birks.

Started August, 1914, to meet the unmet needs of the Canadian soldiers now has over fifty branches in France and eighty secretaries—that's the Canadian Y. M. C. A. military work. Major Birks and Captain Cameron just returned from France will tell the St. John people more about it on Sunday afternoon at the Imperial Theatre.

Major Birks, national Y. M. C. A. military fund, raised \$7,000 in 1914, \$23,000 in 1915, \$28,126 in 1916 and the 1917 requirement for the work in Canada, England, and France is \$40,000, or over \$1,700 a day. All this is raised in Canada by voluntary subscription. St. John is asked to provide at least \$15,000 of this amount.

"HONEST JOHN" QUINN DEAD

Boston, April 12.—"Honest John" Quinn, for five years sheriff of Suffolk county, is dead. He died suddenly in his apartments at the Charles St. jail, death being due to heart failure. Sheriff Quinn was widely known as a prison reformer and friend of the outcast. He was a member of the governor's council, senator and representative. In early life the sheriff was a stevedore and had been at times stationed in Portland, St. John and Montreal. Later he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was 57 years of age. Recently Sheriff Quinn invited a reporter from every newspaper to spend a few days in jail as a prisoner in order to see how the institution was conducted. The invitation was accepted for a day or two. The reporters were satisfied that the jail is a model institution.

Canadian Imperial League.

The Canadian Imperial League was in session in its chambers, 108 Prince William street, last night with President Manning in the chair. There was a large attendance present and considerable business of importance was dealt with. A report from a committee was read in connection with a statement published in the Times, April 11, in which the police magistrate was quoted as attacking the characters of soldiers' wives. This report, the magistrate declared, was absolutely false. A report was also received from a committee who have charge of assisting returned soldiers to procure positions in munitions plants. The members of the league instructed their solicitor, B. L. Gerow, to proceed at once to procure an act of incorporation for the league.

New Lights at Depot.

A crew of electricians are busily engaged in removing the fixtures at the depot which have served their time and replacing them with more modern ones. The style installed in the depot when it was first built were of the bracket type, four lights to a bracket. This style is giving way for the separate lights of high power. The globes enclosing the lights are fringed with white. This gives a bright, yet soft light and the depot already shows the change, although but a few have been installed.

Water and Sewerage Department.

The men of the water and sewerage department were successful in placing one of the three remaining gates at the Marsh bridge yesterday. The other two are all ready and will be placed in position just as soon as the tide will permit. Two leaks developed yesterday, one in the main which runs under the tracks between Clyde and Celebration streets, the other in the main on Celebration street. The men worked all day yesterday and all night last night on the break under the tracks and will probably complete the repairs today.

Hon. B. Frank Smith of East Florenceville registered at the Victoria Hotel yesterday.

Little Benny's Note Book

U. S. PAPE
The Park Ave. News.
Weather, Clear with umbrellas, showers without.
Sports. The invisible baseball team started to have their first practice out on the front street last Tuesday afternoon, but first foot the cop saw the bats and things and went and stood on the corner till it got dark, so the invisibles had their first spring practice Wednesday afternoon.
Society Notes. Miss Maud Jonson created a lot of excitement in society last Thursday by appearing with a gracie big Saint Bernard dog named Jumbo which she got for a birthday present, which almost caused an accident by setting down on Mr. Charles (Pud) Simkins foot. . . . Ever since the junk man has bin paying members of society such a lot for old newspapers, Mr. Sam Cross has bin having trouble with his family on account of taking the evening paper before they get throo reading it and mixing it up with a lot of old papers to sell.
Pome by Skinny Martin.
Bum Wood.
Sid Hunt started to sharpen a pencil which insinuated man had gave him. With by the time he got throo trying. The pencil had disappeared in shavings.
Big Scandal. It is said that Reddy Martin won a book of pome a long time ago for not missing Sunday school for a hole year, but Reddy Martin sees it is a darn lie and declares he will punch anybody in the face that says it.
Intriguing Facks about Intriguing People. Low Davis and his sister Emily are considered such red hot satyrs that people awften invite them to dinner just to show their children a good example.

MARRIAGES

McPhee-Folkins.
Apohaqui, April 12.—A wedding of much social interest took place on Wednesday evening, April 11th, when Miss Martha Clementina Folkins, sister daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Folkins, of Centerville, became the wife of Robert Wesley McPhee, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPhee of Berwick.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. L. H. Jewett at the home of the late bride's parents, was witnessed by the twenty-five guests, principally composed of near relatives of both parties.

The young bride was given in marriage by her father and was prettily gown in white corded silk crepe with lace and girle. As the bridal party assembled in the drawing room the wedding march was played by Miss Hattie Folkins, sister of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony and congratulations the guests were ushered to the dining room where supper was served, after which a social hour was spent until the departure of the bride and groom, when they left for Berwick where they will reside.

Many beautiful gifts were received, as well as the popularity of the bride, among them being a cheque for \$100 from Dwight McPhee of New York, brother of the groom. Several other substantial cheques were received, as well as a number of pretty gifts in cut glass and silver. The groom's present to the pianist was a puerant set with rubies and pearls.

\$100,000 MAINE FIRE

Houlton, Me., April 12.—Fire yesterday badly damaged the buildings and contents of the large tannery of Frank W. Hunt & Co., at Island Falls. The loss is \$100,000. One hundred men are thrown out of work.

GERMANS INCITED MEXICAN OUTRAGES

El Paso, Texas, April 10.—That German consular officials and other residents of Mexico have been responsible for outrages against Americans during the last several months is the finding of State Department and other officials in a report of the United States government, who have reported their investigations to Washington. The Germans, according to government investigations, incited the anti-American demonstrations at Parral, Santa Rosalia and other cities in the State of Chihuahua. These riots were started by both Carranza and Villa sympathizers, who were angered against Americans who resided in the German town. The Pershing punitive expedition intended marching on Mexico City and that the United States wanted to annex the Northern States of Mexico.

Major Jose de la Luz Herrera, de facto Governor-Mayor of Parral, in affidavits charges that a German Consul, Theodore Koch, led the anti-American demonstration and the attack on Major Frank Tompkins, commander of the Thirteenth cavalry, in April, 1916. These affidavits have been forwarded to Washington by government agents. An army officer in El Paso stated today that he was present when Herrera made his affidavits. Several American and Mexicans were killed during the fight at Parral. A British diplomatic agent is reported due here tomorrow to conduct an investigation into Germany's efforts to incite the Mexican nation against the United States.

General Francisco Murquia, Carranza commander, is reported to have ordered Theodore Koch and Dr. Schroeder to be lashed fifty times each for three days because they had been friendly to Villa during his occupation of the city and lent him both financial aid and gave him information regarding the intentions of the de facto government.

The Biggest Problem in most homes are fuel and service. When the servant leaves and the fuel is low, happy is the housewife who knows Shredded Wheat Biscuit, the whole wheat food that is ready-cooked and ready to eat. With these crisp little loaves of baked whole wheat the housewife may prepare in a few moments a delicious, nourishing meal at lowest cost.

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