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"FORCE MAJEURE"

THERE is nothing, perhaps more distasteful than the necessity for explanation and apology, for shortcomings. This is true even when the shortcomings concern only a few persons; but when the apologist is the editor or manager of a newspaper the truism stands out in glaring prominence. We are in such unfortunate position on this occasion, for we have to explain why we were unable to issue a paper on August 2, and why this issue is so late in leaving the press. The real and sole cause is that our printing office is short-handed, especially in compositors, and we have been quite unable to secure the number of printers required. We regret very much this state of affairs, and as it is beyond our present power to remedy it the only alternative is to surrender to *force majeure*.

A newspaper that cannot be issued regularly on its due date, whatever that may be, is most unsatisfactory both to reader and to publisher alike. Realizing this, we have made the determination not to attempt to issue another number of the BEACON till we have a staff of compositors large enough to enable us to get out the paper promptly and regularly on the designated day of issue.

Having explained, we must also apologize to our patrons, which we do with all sincerity and contrition; and we know that in a majority of cases the apology will be accepted, and sympathy for us in our difficulty will be extended by many in return.

We are finding, as so many much larger concerns throughout Canada (to speak only of our own country) are finding, that labor conditions since the signing of the armistice have been much worse than during the progress of active hostilities. The soldiers who have quit the field of combat and returned to their homes have, in many instances, reverted to their pre-war avocations with great reluctance or not at all, many having prolonged their well-earned holiday to an inordinate length. Matters will eventually adjust themselves; but in the meantime patience is a virtue that should be ardently embraced and diligently cultivated.

THE NEW LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

THE outstanding event of the week, in Canada, was the convention of the Liberal Party at Ottawa, which was attended by nearly two thousand delegates, from all parts of the Dominion; and the most important act of the Convention was to select a leader in succession to the late Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Four ballots were necessary to reach a decision, and in the final ballot Hon. Mr. King received 476 votes, 438 votes being cast for Hon. W. S. Fielding. The following comment on the election of Mr. King is taken from the Canadian Press Dispatch of August 7:

"Mr. King is the first leader of a political party to be chosen by a national convention. He is not yet forty-five, looks even younger and has a pleasant manner and address. When scarcely more than a boy he was appointed Deputy Minister of Labor under Sir William Mulock and attained no little distinction by reason of his successful dealing with labor disputes.

"It was after settling the great western coal strikes of 1906 that Mr. King drafted the industrial investigations and conciliation law, commonly known as the Lemieux act, which has been in successful operation for many years and has been copied by many countries. In 1906 Mr. King was returned to the House of Commons from North Waterloo and entered Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government as Minister of Labor. He lost both portfolio and his seat in the House at the general elections of 1911.

"In 1917 he unsuccessfully contested the riding of North York. He has no seat in the House at the present time, but it is taken for granted that he will be returned from East Quebec, a seat made vacant by the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

FEDERAL CABINET CHANGES

HON. F. B. CARVELL, Minister of Public Works, has resigned that office and been appointed Chairman of the Railway Commission in succession to Sir Henry Drayton, who has been appointed Minister of Finance to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Hon. Sir Thomas White. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, M. P. for Victoria City, B. C., has been

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appointed Minister of Agriculture, succeeding Hon. T. A. Crerar, who resigned several weeks ago. The office of Minister of Public Works had not been filled at the time of going to press.

These changes call for very little comment from us at this time except to mention that the two new ministers are without previous experience in office, and Sir Henry Drayton is not a member of either House of Parliament and is without any previous parliamentary experience.

The retirement of Mr. Carvell from the cabinet leaves New Brunswick without any representative therein; and his acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown renders vacant his seat as a member of the House of Commons.

"Fighting Frank" is shown to be just as human as many of those whom aforesaid it had been his delight to denounce; and his patriotism has not been superior to his acceptance of a well-paid (likely soon to be much better paid) public office when it came within his reach. And it must be remembered that of a cabinet minister he had a long arm.

ST. ANDREWS STREET TRAFFIC

In the report of the August meeting of the Town Council appearing in this issue it will be noticed that a Councilor called attention to the illegal use of the sidewalk by teams and autocars. The Council took no action in the matter.

The condition complained of is becoming a nuisance, and persons using vehicles, however propelled, should be prevented from driving them on the sidewalks, which are for pedestrians only. Cyclists now generally ignore the Town By-Law, and ride their machines on the sidewalks quite as much as on the roadway. Enforcement of Town traffic regulations by the police has become a dead letter.

The excessive speed at which automobiles are driven through our streets constitutes a serious menace, and should be put a stop to by the Town authorities. The offenders are not alone the chauffeurs of summer visitors, some of the permanent residents being frequently and flagrantly at fault. We have in mind a weird figure of a seemingly wild man, clad only in a pair of trousers and an undershirt, without outer shirt, collar, vest, or coat, and hatless, driving his motor cart through the streets at the top of its speed, his long unkempt locks streaming behind him, and with a fierceness of visage that might cause him to be mistaken for some circus freak such as the "Wild Man of Borneo." He will probably come to grief some day, and it is reported that he has already been in one or two collisions. Perhaps even he may take a hint and adjust the speed of his machine to civic requirements for the safety of those who use the streets besides himself.

THE PRINCE OF WALES

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales will arrive in St. John on Friday morning next, August 15, and will leave in the evening. A great reception will be accorded him in the old Loyalist City, and people will attend in great numbers from all parts of the Province. Some exception is taken to that part of the programme which takes the form of an exclusive reception at Rothesay by Lieut-Governor Pugsley, as it is felt that in view of the shortness of the visit the various items of the programme should be open to the general public and not be limited, as to any item, to those alone who are on the Governor's social list. But what is the use of being Governor if the holder of the office is to be shorn of the gubernatorial prerogatives? Whatever the programme may be, the fervent prayer of all the people of this loyal Province of New Brunswick will be "God bless the Prince of Wales."

STREETS AND POLICE

It will be noted in the advertisement appearing in this issue that the office of Street Commissioner of the Town is now vacant, and that applications for the position are wanted. The advertisement announces that applications will also be received from persons willing to serve in the double capacity of Street Commissioner and Town Marshal, which offices were dually held by Mr. Sinnett, who has recently resigned, and by his immediate predecessor.

"Our view of the matter is that it is false economy to have one man, only to do the

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work of two quite distinct public services, for it is not possible for one man to act in both capacities and render efficient and adequate service in each case. Since the late incumbent held the dual position attention has been paid chiefly to road maintenance, and police supervision of the Town has been sadly neglected. Local conditions call for an efficient Town Marshal who will give his whole time to keeping the Town in order and enforcing the by-laws, especially those relating to traffic, which are now generally ignored.

A street commissioner in St. Andrews has plenty of work to keep him busy all the year round, and he should have at least one competent assistant. There is, perhaps, no town in Canada with a larger mileage of streets in proportion to population than is the case of St. Andrews, and the maintenance of such a great extent of roadways and sidewalks cannot be efficiently accomplished by one man, nor with the small appropriation annually voted for the purpose.

The great defect in the road work here in the past decade has been its temporary character, nothing at all permanent having been attempted. It would be economical in the end if the Town were to employ an experienced municipal engineer for a time, to lay out a proper scheme for the maintenance and improvement of the streets so that it could be followed by the Street Commissioner in the future. Much of the road work done here in late years has been less efficient than it should have been, through lack of intelligent supervision and through false ideas of economy in carrying it out.

NINETEEN LIVES LOST ON "GALLIA"

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 9.—Nineteen lives, passengers, and members of the crew of the French tern schooner *Gallia*, were lost when a collision occurred between that vessel and the steamer *War Witch*, in a pair of trousers and an undershirt, without outer shirt, collar, vest, or coat, and hatless, driving his motor cart through the streets at the top of its speed, his long unkempt locks streaming behind him, and with a fierceness of visage that might cause him to be mistaken for some circus freak such as the "Wild Man of Borneo." He will probably come to grief some day, and it is reported that he has already been in one or two collisions. Perhaps even he may take a hint and adjust the speed of his machine to civic requirements for the safety of those who use the streets besides himself.

ALL PASSENGERS SAVED

Boston, Aug. 8.—The steamship *North Star*, struck on Green Island, nine miles south of Yarmouth, N. S., in the fog at 6.40 a. m. to-day. The removal of her passengers, 280 in all, and their transfer to Yarmouth was accomplished without accident, and at 11.30 it was announced all had landed. The *North Star*, which is in the service of the Eastern Steamship Lines, left Boston for Yarmouth last night.

The summer hotels in St. Andrews continue to do a good business, the season being quite the best on record. For some time the Algonquin has been filled to its utmost capacity, and this is also true of Kennedy's. The weather, generally, has been unusually good this season.

Rev. H. P. Ross, of St. Andrews, has been authorized to solemnize marriage.

HARD FOR CHAOS

The wholesale grocer was carefully explaining matters to the commercial traveler whom he had recently engaged, and the C. T. was making himself as nice as he could.

"Mr. Binks," said the boss, "your predecessor was not up to his job. His affairs were all tangled up. He was a muddler."

"Yes, sir," replied the new hand meekly, as though he was sorry, but couldn't help it.

"That being the case, Mr. Binks," said the wholesaler pompously, "it is up to you to get order out of chaos."

For a moment the commercial traveler looked puzzled. Then a beautiful smile spread itself across his countenance.

"Sir," said he eagerly, "I don't happen to know Mr. Chaos, but I'll get an order out of him, if I have to go and live with him."

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Is made of Selected No. 1 wheat, and is almost all white. Every bag I have sold has been perfectly satisfactory, and all who have used it are high in their praise of it. I guarantee this flour and if any one is not perfectly satisfied with it I will gladly refund the purchase price. Order a bag today and join the list of satisfied customers. In bags of 24 and 98 lbs each.

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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

THERE was no issue of THE BEACON on the due dates from February 8 to June 21, twenty weeks in all; therefore a corresponding extension will be made in the date of expiry of subscriptions shown on the address slips on the papers issued February 1, 1919. The extension will be made on receipt of money for renewal of subscription.

To all those whose subscriptions were in arrears on December 31, a bill was sent in January, 1919. A large number of these delinquent subscribers have not yet remitted the amount due as per bill sent, and we must now ask them to attend to the matter and make immediate payment.

Special attention is also called to the fact that after this date the subscription to THE BEACON will be \$1.50 a year; and for papers going to United States and other places outside the British Empire, 50 cents a year must be added for Postage. Single copies of THE BEACON will be 5 cents after this date.

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Social

Lieut. Richard Babbitt, has re-

Mr. Edward Partridge is a course in Win-

Pte. Cecil De seas on Saturd went overseas ing was on trol ship Ara had an attack DeWolfe is a weeks, and the Fredericton.

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Mr. Barnes, Mr. and Mr. a

Rev. Sister Rev. Sister St. Angus Kenned

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Lieut. Jack from Overseas Mr. and Mrs. I

Mrs. G. New Maine.

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Mr. Wm. We visit to Welfor

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Mrs. William visiting Mrs. H

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N. S., on June 2 Andrews most groom has late

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/ Mr. and Mrs. N. S., are guests Odell.

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Genoa, Italy.

Mrs. Dorothy B., is visiting M

Mr. Walter I Bank of Canada his holidays in t left on Saturda

Fredericton.

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Rev. G. H. Elliot

Sgt. Blair Fi nesday, Aug. 6,

Overseas. He members of the wounded. He

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