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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.

"MUSIC" AS ORDERED.

(Daily Telegraph, Editorial, Thursday, October 15, 1914.)

And, since there is no legitimate excuse for an election, it would follow that the conduct of the Conservative Premier and his advisers in plunging the country into the turmoil of a partisan contest would be condemned by thoughtful and patriotic people everywhere.

The chief business of Canada today is to make sure that this country contributes generously in volunteers and in treasure, to the forces which are battling with Germany. That question is one of honor and even of national existence itself, and it is superfluous to say that the ordinary process of business by distracting attention and effort from the ordinary duties of the day.

Truly a more glaring example of incontinence than the above has never been furnished even by the Telegraph, that purchasable organ of Mr. Pugsley, High Priest of Trimmers, and Political Opportunists. When rumors were in circulation to the effect that a Dominion election might be held that shameless mouthpiece of machine criticism whined and whined under the prospect of ignominious defeat and called upon all and sundry to witness that this was a time set apart from political turmoil for the sacred purpose of uniting in common defence of the Empire. But the appeal held a false note; those who knew the Telegraph recognized full well that the real cause for concern was not the danger of the Empire but the certainty of Liberal disaster, the sure knowledge that the policy of a Laurier Separatist navy, which the Telegraph had so unblushingly espoused, would go down to defeat and carry with it the bulk of those Britons who, in the House of Commons at Ottawa played the same game the Telegraph is playing in St. John and put party interest above all other consideration.

"To bring on the elections at such a time would be unnecessarily and inexcusably to interrupt the processes of business by distracting attention and effort from the ordinary duties of the day," whined the Telegraph of October 15th, and yet scarcely more than a month later, the same organ plays another tune. Wherein are circumstances different now than they were a month ago? How does the Telegraph, in the provincial election it now advocates, hope to escape the interruption of business and distraction of public attention in this province which it decried with such a whole-some dread a month ago?

The facts speak for themselves. The Pugsley-Carvell organ is caught red-handed in its inconsistencies. It has revealed its own purposes, its sole excuse for living and being; viz., the subservient pandering to the bidding of a group of unscrupulous Grit politicians who can see nothing, hear nothing, know nothing, recognize nothing save self interest. They thought it would not be to their interest to have a Dominion election at this time and the Telegraph was tuned accordingly. Following the report of the Dugal charges, they think they now see an opportunity to conduct a campaign of scandal and muckraking against the Government of New Brunswick and the organ is set to another air.

But the times do not harmonize, false notes predominate, harsh jangle of partyism underlies the chorus of alleged patriotic appeal with which the Telegraph would arouse its readers.

Those who are so unfortunate as to read the Telegraph need not be alarmed. They may hear more strange tunes coming from the same wind instrument. And the next time, after the elections are held, both in the province and the Dominion, is likely to be pitched in the key of 1911—the woeful dirge of defeat rather than the quickstep of victory. But none of the Telegraph's tunes are sincere. They are not "heart songs," but rather the ordinary organ playing always "neath the window of the gentleman with the pennies to bestow."

WARDS OF THE NATION.

The direction that New Brunswick must have her quota of men for the second contingent ready more quickly than at first believed, will, it is expected, result in an impetus to recruiting sufficient to produce the required number of volunteers well within the time limit set.

Today a systematic campaign will be commenced. Parties of officers and men, who have already volunteered for the front, will visit various parts of the province, hold meetings, and, in other ways, stimulate interest in the movement. It will doubtless be the first duty of those recruiting parties to inform prospective volunteers of the provision made for dependents while the breadwinner is prevented from following his usual employment. In the mind of many a young man the first question to arise with the thought of answering the country's call is that of those left behind. If assured they will be well cared for during his absence on active service, and provided for should he fail to return, the response might be more general than has been the case.

There is no lack of patriotism or courage in the make-up of the average young resident of this province, but there is a deep rooted love of home and those in the family circle. Assured they will not suffer through his absence, he will willingly serve his country in Europe, or wherever else he may be called.

The promoters of the campaign which commences today may be depended upon to have all information bearing upon this subject brought to the knowledge of the men they are seeking to interest. It is not enough to go out into the country and tell young men of their country's need; they should also be informed that the country which needs help will remunerate for the service and will care for and guard the dear ones at home. They shall be the wards of the nation, to be cherished and comforted until their natural protector returns with a record of Empire duty well performed, or makes the supreme sacrifice for a country which will not prove ungrateful. This truth plainly pressed home should be a potent and helpful argument in many cases.

The Times declares that F. B. Carvell, chief of the dark lantern brigade and defamer of British military heroes is to be one of the principal speakers in Carleton County's recruiting campaign. It is not at all likely that he will have the courage to tell the young men whom he is trying to interest that "all you get in the militia of Canada is that you teach about 25 per cent. of the men of Canada how to get drunk."

Mr. Carvell made this statement in the House of Commons and the Times endorses him in it.

A Spartan Father.

The Russian journal, *Svietz*, tells the following story of the Spartan conduct of Colonel Lopoukhine. He was listening, after the first great battle in Galicia, to the reading of the report of his regiment's casualties.

"We have lost 200 killed and wounded," he was told.

"How many officers killed?"

"Only one."

"What is the name of this officer?"

"Lieutenant Lopoukhine."

"Not a muscle of Colonel Lopoukhine's face moved."

"Where was the officer killed?" he asked.

"The place was indicated. He went to the body of his dead son, dismounted from his horse, kissed the forehead and lips of the son, made the sign of the cross, remounted and continued giving orders."

More Men May Come Here.

A report was in circulation yesterday that the New Brunswick Battalion might be removed from St. John. Col. McAvity said he had heard the rumor, but took no stock in it. In Halifax and other places where the government is mustering troops the accommodation is pretty well taxed, and it is believed to be more likely that men will be sent here from other cities for training than that the local battalion will be removed. In Halifax every barracks is full and the exhibition buildings are being used to house the soldiers.

COL. TUCKER PASSED AWAY

One of St. John's best known citizens died this morning.

Colonel J. J. Tucker, who for many years has been prominent in the public life of St. John, passed away at his home, Prince William street, at an early hour this morning. He had been weakening for several weeks and during the last few days had lapsed into an unconscious state. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

Colonel Joseph John Tucker was born in Chatham, England, eighty-two years ago, the son of the late John Tucker. Colonel Tucker succeeded his father as Lloyd's surveyor and agent here. Subsequently he went to China and was Lloyd's surveyor at Shanghai for twenty years. He returned here in 1878 and resided with his father until the latter's death.

He took a deep interest in military matters and was among the first to take up the old volunteer movement here. He had been a captain in militia in Shanghai and has seen service during several riots there. He was made a major in the 62nd St. John Regiment about 1883. He showed great interest in the workings of that body and did much for its improvement. He planned many entertainments for the regiment and was prominent in the promotion of sham fights. He became Colonel of the 62nd Regiment in 1893 and retired with the title of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, in 1897.

He sat for the city and county of St. John in the House of Commons in the Liberal interests from 1896-1904. Colonel Tucker had one sister, Mrs. C. W. Weldon, who died about three years ago. He has no other relatives in Canada.

MAY FORM COMPANY OF BUSINESS MEN

Another plan of enlistment which may become nucleus of third Contingent from St. John.

A project to form a special company composed of business men and clerks which may later become the nucleus for another Overseas Contingent from St. John is being discussed by the young men of the city.

At a meeting held yesterday it was decided to interview heads of business firms with the idea of getting their approval and to call upon clerks of wholesale and retail houses to join the company. Some St. John firms have undertaken to pay men of their employ who are going to the front their salaries while they are away and in practically all cases business men have undertaken to keep jobs open for the volunteers from their employ against their return from the war. With this spirit animating the business men of the city it is felt that should be little difficulty in getting every encouragement in the organization of a special company for military training among the clerks of the city.

The moving spirits in this project are Howard P. Robinson, Wm. Cassie, Alex. Power and T. E. Ryder. Their organizing headquarters will be at H. P. Robinson's office in the Bank of Montreal building.

ST. JOHN MAY HEAR SCREECH OF SHELLS

Rev. Dr. Hutchinson urges need of more men on battlefields of Europe.

Rev. David Hutchinson, D. D., in Main street Baptist church last evening preached an eloquent and earnest sermon on the duty of guarding against unrighteous ambition. The present war on the part of Germany had been caused by her ambition to extend her territory at the expense of her neighbors. Germany's ambition was to be the greatest power in the world. She wanted colonies and was prepared to get them at the cost of war. The German people for years had been preparing this war and practically set the date. England would have been better off had she heeded the warning of Lord Roberts, given five years ago, and provided an army. Lord Roberts had proved a true prophet and showed that he was able to read the future.

Dr. Hutchinson also spoke of the advantage of patriotism over partyism and he referred to the trouble in Ireland, and its end when the patriotic spirit was aroused. In Canada party politics were dropped and only imperialism was in evidence now.

He felt that with St. John as the centre of great shipping activities this winter the people should not be surprised if they were awakened some night by the screeching of shells.

This war could not be won by the singing of the national anthem but only on the battle fields and there men were needed. These men should be the best obtainable. In closing the speaker urged the young men to come forward and enlist.

FOREST FIRES AND SOIL FERTILITY

Experts state that forest soils have lost and are losing much fertility owing to forest fires which, doing apparently little immediate damage, rob the soil of accumulations of humus. In many sections land is being cleared for farming, and, where such forest land has not been burned, there

Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

The cuckoo clock in our dining room came out for half past 4 while we were sitting supper last night, only instead of saying cuckoo it made a funny kind of noise sounding more as if it was laughing than singing.

For the love of Mike did you hear that bird, sed pop.

It sounds as if the clock needs oiling or sumthing, sed my sister Gladis.

Sumthing must be the matter with it, sed ma.

Maybe the bird needs the paper and is awl broken up ovr the news about Belgium, I bleeve its a Belgian clock, sed pop.

How absurd, sed ma.

And we kepp awl eating and the bird calm out agen for 7 o'clock, kawding 7 times insted of cuckooing 7 times.

That clock sertainly needs oiling, and needs it bad, sed Gladis.

Its my private opinyn the birds got appendisitis, sed pop.

The clock never did that before, I sed.

Sumthing must be the matter with it, sed ma.

I didnt mean appendisitis, kum to think of it, I ment bronkittis, sed pop, how cood a poor 4 dollr and a half cuckoo afford appendisitis.

G, maybe its doing that becase cuzzin Artie and me was shooting German aeroplanes today, I sed.

The plot thickins, sed pop, yung man, kindly go into deetaleas.

Artie and me was Prentchenen shooting ovr pee shootirs at German aeroplanes this afternoon, and the cuckoo was wun of the aeroplanes evry time it calim out, I sed, maybe thats the reazin it sounds that way.

I shooudnt be the silliest bid serprised, sed pop.

Sertainly thats the reazin, sed ma, didnt I say sumthing must be the matter with it.

Of course thats the reazin, sed Gladis.

Which it properly was.

is a large percentage of vegetable matter which provides considerable fertility and a good texture. Moreover, as this soil has a greater capacity to absorb and retain moisture, it is less likely to be washed and gullied under heavy rains. For these reasons, in addition to the damage to standing timber, authorities agree that wood lands should be very carefully safeguarded against fire.

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