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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.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S FINANCES.

The best answer that can be made to the gentlemen who have been claiming that the Clarke Government is not wisely administering the affairs of the Province is found in the statement of provincial finances for the year ending October 31st which is published in The Standard this morning.

For months Mr. Carvell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Veniot and their associates have busied themselves in declaring that under Premier Clarke the Province of New Brunswick has been firmly started upon the road leading to financial perdition. Giving the direct lie to such slanders the report of the Auditor General shows that for the year ending October 31st last the ordinary revenues of the province were the largest in history, the ordinary expenditures were kept well within bounds and as a result there is a real surplus.

And this has been accomplished with honest bookkeeping in all provincial departments. There have been no "figure jugglers" at work on the books making up a favorable showing, as the Telegraph claims was done during the last year of office of the Pugsley-Robinson plunderbund. The administration of New Brunswick's affairs has been honest, the accounts have been fairly audited, and the legitimate bills have been paid. Current expense has been met out of current revenue and the surplus shown represents cash, not I O U's or mysterious slips bearing such initials as "W. P. \$5,000."

For the year closing in October the ordinary revenue of the province was \$1,634,079.44. From this, all ordinary expenditures were paid, amounting to \$1,626,628.36 and a surplus of approximately \$7,451.08 is shown on the credit side. If we deduct from the expenditures the sum of \$12,500 paid as a contribution to the Patriotic Fund, we will find a surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure of \$20,000. Surely an excellent showing.

In the days when the Telegraph was espousing the cause of former provincial governments, Liberal in complexion, that newspaper was fond of remarking that the true test of the revenues of the province were well guarded was to be found in the crown lands accounts or territorial revenue. Judged by this standard, the Clarke Government makes a record showing. This year the territorial revenue stands at \$591,905.14, the highest figure ever reached, and this despite the fact that the past year has been a poor one for the lumbermen and the lumber cut has not reached even normal figures. In 1914 the territorial revenue was \$554,361.01, truly an excellent return. But Premier Clarke has been able to do even better than that and shows a revenue from the crown lands nearly \$40,000 in excess of the best previous mark.

Glancing over the items of expenditures one sees that the great public services have been well cared for. Agriculture, roads and bridges and education have all received due attention and, in fact, in all departments there is increasing evidence that the province entered upon a new era in 1908, when Hon. Mr. Hazen was returned to power. That was New Brunswick's first experience with business-like government, and in the departments of public service the improvement has been most marked.

When Hon. Dr. Landry, Mr. Hazen's first Minister for Agriculture, took office he found the equipment of his department consisted of a few postage stamps, a picture of a horse and a lithograph of Queen Victoria. Probable, under Liberal rule, agricultural departments could be conducted with such equipment, but Dr. Landry thought differently and set out to make the department of real service to the farmers of the province. His policy was followed by his successor, Hon. J. A. Murray, and the result is seen in the fact that New Brunswick comes very near to setting the pace for all Canada in the practical value of the Agricultural Department.

As with agriculture so with other public services. The tree-choked gutters and by-ways which, under the rule of Mr. Pugsley, were by courtesy called highways, have given place to

people for endowment, an endowment that it will certainly receive.

The desire of the Government and of the whole Conservative party is for political peace but, at the same time, if the Liberals have other plans in view they will probably find they will be accommodated. The situation confronting Canada and the Empire is too serious to permit of political bickering or unwarranted criticism, and any desire upon the part of the opposition to indulge in such tactics will probably be met by measures likely to prove most effective.

FORD'S FIASCO

A simple little cablegram from Washington to the American Minister at Stockholm effectually wrote "finis" to the mission of the "peace at any price" cranks who had accepted the invitation to tour Europe at Henry Ford's expense. The American automobile manufacturer is thus forced to return to ordinary channels for his advertising, while the combat in France, Flanders and other areas of war continues with no abatement.

It was Ford's boast, when he started on his expedition, that he would have the soldiers out of the trenches by Christmas. Better and wiser men had held similar aspirations but because they were better and wiser did not attempt to realize them. The sole result of Ford's effort has been to make himself and his associates subjects for more than a little ridicule and, finally, to cause the constituted authorities at Washington to put an end to his nonsense.

So long as the apostles of peace confined their attentions to neutral countries they could do little harm, even though they accomplished no good. But, had they been permitted to journey through war areas, untold incidents might have occurred which might have caused Washington to take cognizance of the fact that while the peace promoter and his friends are undoubtedly eccentrics they, nevertheless, have the right to all the protection their citizenship can afford. Such a development would have placed the United States in a serious position, and it was quite the wisest solution of the difficulty to put a stop to the whole ridiculous business.

The suppression of Henry Ford is one of the sanest steps the American government has taken since the war broke out; the only comment that can be made is that it did not come soon enough. A sanity commission should have been put to work on Ford when he first suggested his mad scheme.

HARKINS PLAYERS SCORED ANOTHER HIT LAST NIGHT

The W. S. Harkins Players presented "The Spy in the House" at the Opera House last evening to a thoroughly delighted audience, judging by the applause. The performance was under the patronage of Major Barker and officers of the Siege Battery, Miss Louis, the leading lady, and Miss Gordon, who sang very appropriately, "Till the Boys Come Home," a special compliment to those present in khaki, were the recipients of beautiful bouquets, presented by the officers of the Siege Battery. "The Spy in the House" will be repeated tonight and the performance will be given under the patronage of L. Col. Dunsen and officers of the 69th Battalion, who will be present.

The funniest comedy ever written, "Baby Mine," will be presented tomorrow and New Year's night's.

TWO BOYS ARRESTED FOR STEALING A HORSE AND WAGON

Team located on Delhi St. and youthful culprits found at home of one of them—Other loot discovered by police.

Yesterday morning The Standard mentioned that two boys had stolen a horse and express wagon from in front of a German street store and the police were searching for the team as well as the thieves. Detectives Barrett and Briggs, who have been most successful on many cases during the past few months, were given this case to handle with the result that yesterday morning the officers managed to arrest the thieves.

The two culprits are Henry Crawford, aged twelve of Brussels street, and James Phalen, aged twelve of Hanover street. The latter is a brother of a young fellow who a short time ago was arrested for breaking and entering the store of Messrs. Emerson & Fisher on German street. The two boys were found about 2.30 o'clock in Phalen's home. In addition to recovering the horse and team, the police also recovered nineteen pairs of rubbers which had been stolen with the team. The rubbers were in the express wagon for the purpose of de-

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BY LEE PAPE.

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But the ashman takes it away.

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And they set around on the chares
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And you say yours is bigthr than thares.

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And we get alawng awl rite without it,
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Being wun of the best things about it.

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livery from a wholesale house to a shoe store on Union street at the time the boys made away with the rig.

After driving about the city Tuesday afternoon the boys put up the horse in a vacant barn on Delhi street, and yesterday afternoon had fifteen pairs of the stolen rubbers, while a pair was found in Phalen's house and the other pair in Crawford's home.

The boys were taken before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon and on account of their parents not being in court they were remanded until this morning at 9.30 o'clock.

It was while searching for the boys yesterday that the detectives found a set of light harness, a brush, a curry-comb and a hitching weight in Harry Hayes' wood yard at the foot of Clarence street. The articles were in a

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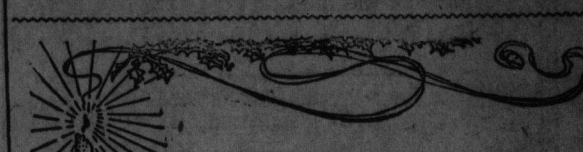
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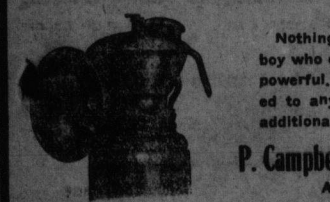
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Gravestock, J. W.	Messenger
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Patterson, B. M.	Draughtsman
Pavey, Walter G.	Watchman
Perdon, E. D.	Labourer
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Ward, Walter A.	Clerk
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