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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.

## THE GRITS AND THE BUDGET.

If the effort of Mr. A. K. MacLean in the budget debate may be taken as a fair sample of the best arguments the Liberal party in the Canadian Parliament have to offer in their partisan opposition to the war tariff submitted by the Minister of Finance, then it may be taken for granted at once that Hon. Mr. White's pronouncement is such as to meet the favor of the people of Canada. When the tariff proposals were first presented, every-thing recognized that additional revenue must be raised to meet the extraordinary expenses due to Canadian participation in the Empire war and it was the general opinion that the Finance Minister had found the best solution of the problem which could be made. When the Conservative party was in opposition, the budget speech of the Liberal Finance Minister was usually taken up at once by Sir George E. Foster, who was so well fortified with knowledge regarding the country's trade condition and the measures which would improve it, that it was not necessary for him to spend several days "thinking it over" before he commenced his reply. In this he was aided by the fact that the Conservative party was a party of consistent record, that they planned their faith to the old National Policy of Sir John A. Macdonald, the policy designed to build up Canadian industries and which has brought to the Dominion of Canada all the prosperity we have ever enjoyed.

The procedure followed by Mr. MacLean appears in striking and unhappy contrast to the manner in which the Conservative party dealt with questions of this sort. But after reading Mr. MacLean's speech there should no longer be surprise that he required some days in which to reflect before placing himself and his party on record in regard to the tariff. Never was the complete absence of anything like a policy in the Liberal ranks more noticeable than in the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier's "financial expert" approached the task before him. He criticised the increase in the tariff on the ground that it was not rendered necessary by the war but to meet the "terrible" and "wasteful" expenditure of the Borden Government. He produced trade returns to show that business had fallen off before the war commenced and from that attempted to draw the inference that the people of Canada were less prosperous under the Conservative Government than under the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The emptiness of this argument is amply proven by comparison of Canada's trade with that of the United States where business had shown a falling off for more than a year.

But the most remarkable part of the policy which the Liberals claim should have been adopted by the present government is that which relates to the carrying on of our great public works. The Liberal view, as enunciated by Mr. MacLean, and in which it is presumed Mr. Pugsley agrees, is that the government should have stopped all development projects as soon as the revenues commenced to decline. In other words, he would stop the harbor works in St. John, in Courtenay Bay, in Halifax and in the other great ports, works absolutely necessary if these ports are to be ready to handle the trade which must come to them after the war ceases. It is not expected that Mr. MacLean will dare to explain his statements before a Halifax audience when he has occasion to next face them; neither is it possible that Mr. Pugsley will face a St. John audience and say that he entirely coincides with the opinions of Sir Wilfrid's "financial expert."

The Conservative Government wisely decided to carry on the development of the great ports of Canada, a policy which all will agree is a wise one. Liberal members advise that expenditure should have been stopped and the work held up. At least this is the policy they advocate in Ottawa but they hardly dare to repeat it when they face the citizens of those ports which benefit by the expenditure. That they should adopt it in Ottawa when all the country knows that the development of our ports to handle trade is one of the most praiseworthy causes to which Canadian money can be devoted merely serves to illustrate that the Liberals have had no more success in formulating a country-wide policy on the tariff than on any other great question with which they have been faced. They are still prepared to stick to the sectional vote-catching idea of playing the east against the

west, the inland constituencies against the seaboard, etc. Such playmate tactics will never make for a united Canada. Mr. Pugsley's comments on Mr. MacLean's suggestions will be awaited with much interest.

## THE TELEGRAPH AND AGRICULTURE.

If one were to believe the Telegraph of Monday morning, in the pessimistic and critical stand it took as to the acreage under cultivation and producing in the Province of New Brunswick, it would not be difficult to form the opinion that agriculture in this province is at a very low ebb indeed. The Telegraph, taking the January issue of the Census and Statistics Monthly as its authority, discovers that the acreage under cultivation in this province in 1914 was smaller than in 1910 and with a burning desire to promote political harmony, at once concludes that the agricultural policy of the Provincial Government is responsible for the showing. "Crop acreage in province smaller; agricultural policy of Provincial Government having curious effect" is the misleading heading published over the Telegraph's article, the partisan purpose of which is exposed in the first words of the article itself, which are as follows: "A steady decrease in the acreage devoted to field crops seems to be the chief result of the agricultural policy of the Provincial Government."

Of course it is the Telegraph's purpose and wish to cause the people of the province to believe that because the Census and Statistics Monthly says there has been a decline in acreage under cultivation, that the people of the province are less prosperous now than five years ago. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As a matter of fact the value of field crops in New Brunswick for 1914 was, according to the Telegraph itself, \$20,045,100, and for 1910 the Telegraph's estimate of value shows \$12,140,500. The balance in favor of 1914 is almost \$8,000,000.

It is generally recognized that the chief aim and object of agricultural instruction is to teach the farmer how to make his acres more productive, not, necessarily, how to operate larger farms but to get greater returns from what he has. According to the Telegraph the farmers of New Brunswick are doing this very thing. The crop in 1914 being more valuable than that of 1910, despite the fact that the acreage in the later year was smaller, will strike most reasonable men as a fair argument that the instruction and assistance given to the farmers by the Department of Agriculture was decidedly beneficial since it enabled them to make their acres more productive and to get more money for their crops.

But the Telegraph is not genuinely interested in the welfare of the New Brunswick farmers, and its deep concern over an alleged decline in acreage is merely its own cute little way of manifesting its desire to return to the days of "imported wethers" and other "profitable" undertakings; to the halcyon days when, according to the Telegraph of some years ago, the only equipment of the agricultural department office in Fredericton was a desk, one postage stamp, and the picture of a horse.

## THE "WAR" IN MAINE.

(Boston Traveller.)  
The man who attempted to blow up the railroad bridge at Vanceboro did it for self-protection and to make trouble for the United States. This is the country at which he was striking. It was on the cards that he hoped his act would get us into some sort of international trouble. Unless he is a mental irresponsible he must have known that had he totally and permanently destroyed the bridge the Canadian Government would have been but slightly inconvenienced in shipping "troops and ammunition to be used in annihilating his countrymen," since there are three other more or less direct rail routes into St. John, where they converge and lead direct to Halifax. But he was picking the best spot on which to disturb Canada; it was the United States he was seeking to embroil. In order to increase his own importance he was seeking to bring as much of the war as he could over to this country. He was moved by the same feeling as was that other patriotic German-American citizen, George Sylvester Viereck of New York, editor of The Fatherland, who in commenting on the act of the bridge dynamiter said: "In my humble opinion he did what many a patriotic German subject would gladly do in view of the unjust manner in which Germany and the Germans are being treated, not only in this country, but in Canada." The Traveler believes that the rank and file of the German-American citizens know they are being well treated in this country and will deprecate this attempt to make trouble for the United States by dragging it into any involved international red tape tangle between Great Britain and Germany. They will

be better contented, if the facts warranted it, if this man, despite the flags he had wrapped around his arms, be treated as a misguided mischief maker, rather than a self-conscious, self-bent on the publicity and notoriety he craved and is now getting. They will not care to make an alien criminal the champion of the German cause.

## HORSE SHIPMENTS FROM PORTLAND, MAINE.

The largest shipment of horses to a foreign port from the United States in any one week was that made by R. Lawrence Smith & Co., of New York, when from their various ports of shipment 10,000 head went across the water last week.

Portland contributed about 1,300 of this number and the last shipment made via the Iona Sunday carried out 676 artillery and 49 cavalry horses to France.

The horses that sailed Sunday were all in first class shape and were from the famous E U 2 Bar ranch at Walla, Walla, Washington State, the lions and all steamed again defeated this season, Toronto again defeated the Shamrocks. The score was five to one, and fairly indicates the play.

Trenuth, a newcomer from the Maritime League was given a try by the Shamrocks and made a good impression. The lineup:

Toronto—Goal, Holmes; Carpenter, point; Cameron, cover; Forston, centre; Walker, left wing; Wilson, right wing.

Shamrocks—Leaseur, goal; Harold McNamara, point; George McNamara, cover; Ronan, centre; C. Denny, left wing; Corbett Denny, right wing.

CANADIENS 3, OTTAWA 2

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The Canadiens won from Ottawa in Montreal tonight by three to two in a game which was doubt right up to the finish. The lineup:

Canadiens—Goal, Vezina; defence, Corbeau and Dubeau; left wing, Fournelle; centre, Poirer; right wing, Fournelle.

Ottawa—Goal, Benedict; defence, Merrill and Shore; left wing, Broadbent; centre, Darragh; right wing, Gerard.

## IF CONSTIPATED OR BILIOUS—"CASCARETS"

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## POMERANIAN 14 DAYS ON TRIP FROM GLASGOW

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 24.—The Allan Liner Pomeranian, Captain McDonald, arrived in port today from Glasgow after a fourteen-days passage. The steamer left before the threatened German blockade, yet they were most careful in navigating the ship. The trip proved a very rough one, which delayed her a couple of days. On the way they met considerable ice off the coast. After discharging cargo she will proceed to Boston.

## NEW ASSOCIATION WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO FISHING INDUSTRY

H. B. Short of the Maritime Fish Corporation was in the city yesterday on his way to Digby. Mr. Short attended the meeting held in Montreal recently when a Canadian Fisheries Association was formed.

"At the meeting," said Mr. Short, "there were men engaged in the fish business from Prince Rupert to Halifax, and the new association was

launched under the most favorable auspices. Every other industry in Canada has its association, and the Fisheries Association should prove of great benefit to the fisheries."

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

My Cousin Artie was around this afternoon, and me and his played slave in our front hall, me being the slave driver and Artie blackening his face up with a burnt cork and being the slave, the hall being the cotton field where the slaves were supposed to pick cotton in the hot sun, weather they felt like it or not, awn akkount of belawnging to the slave driver's body and sole. And after Artie had him picking cotton a while awn his hands and nose, I ran out of the parlor wailing my whip, the whip being pope umbrella.

Hay, you good for nothing black slave, pick that cotton rite, dont you no you belawng to me body and sole, I sed.

The heck you are, I sed. And I gave him a krack awn the pants with the umbrella, and Artie yelled, Owch, hay, cut that out.

Dont you tell me to cut anything out, dont I own you body and sole, I sed. And I gave him anuthr krack with the umbrella and Artie jumped up mad, saying, I thawt I told you to cut that out, I ant that king of a slave. Who evr herd of a slave that didnt get whipped, I sed.

Well than Im going to excape, sed Artie.

Awl rite, Ill be the bloodhound, I sed, if you craws the rivir full of ice, yure free, because the bloodhound cant follow you.

Wares the rivir, sed Artie, and I sed, The sofer in the sitting room.

Heary, Im a free slave, yelled Afast as anything and I went bow wow wow, arr, arr, like a bloodhound, and ran up the stairs after him awn my hands and feet, me being abel to get up the ordinary way, and Artie went rite ovir the rivir full of ice and I went rite ovir after him, being a extra good bloodhound, and wat did the ice do but got up and chase us, being pop asleep ovir the sofer till we wook him up by climbing ovir him, and the slave and the slave driver ran down the frunt stairs agen even faster than wat we had ran up, and the ice stood at the top of the stairs saying, Wat the devvill is the meening of this, I say, Benny, Benny do you heer me.

Wich I didnt, awn akkount of me jest running out of the frunt door after my slave.

several minutes, and there will be several other acts (?) on the bill as well.

Naples, Feb. 24.—A general strike was proclaimed today by the Socialists in order to obtain a reduction in the price of bread from ten cents to seven cents per kilo (\$20 pounds). Over ten thousand of the strikers paraded through the streets of the city and then proceeded to the city hall to urge their claims. Large forces of troops and police were called out to prevent disorder.

## A FATAL WEDDING, NEXT WEEK'S BILL AT OPERA HOUSE

Young-Adams Company make a change in play at the Opera House tonight and present the well known play of city life, "A Fatal Wedding," with Marguerite, the clever child actress playing the role of "the little mother." There will be a change in the vaudeville features also.

The programme so far arranged for the regular Amateur Contest for tomorrow night gives promise of a good show with plenty of surprises and fun. Harold Olsen will render some accordion solos; a supposed-to-be clever comedy team, "Bill and Mack," will introduce two local celebrities who have been working for quite a long time putting their act together, and who only wait for the call from the Keith office to start at once for the big cities; six lively, scrappy, kids will enter the big shoe tying contest, something that will keep the audience in an uproar of laughter for

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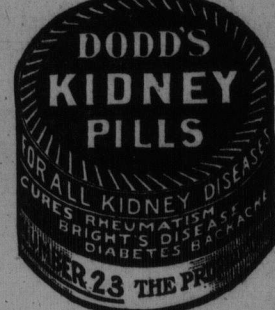
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