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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.

PATRIOTIC PICNICS AND CAUSES.

It is very gratifying to report that the Patriotic Picnic held at Westfield last week was a pronounced success, and that there is every likelihood that, given fair weather, the event planned for the Bishop's Grounds at Torriburn on Saturday next will be equally profitable and enjoyable. Too much credit cannot be given to the earnest men and women who have labored so zealously in the interests of the various patriotic causes and, by their interest and energy, swelled the treasury of the organizations, the aim of all of which is, after all, very similar—to improve and ameliorate the condition of the men who have left Canada for the Empire's battle lines.

Thus the Patriotic Fund, supplemented by liberal public grants, undertakes to maintain the dependents of the fighting men. It was recognized early in the war that the average Canadian who donned khaki to fight the cause of Empire would suffer financial loss. Most of the young men in Canada were employed in positions paying salaries in excess of the remuneration they would receive in the army and fairness directed that those who were dependent upon the earnings of the men who had enlisted should not suffer loss or hardship by reason of the patriotism of their breadwinners. Consequently, the Patriotic Fund was organized to supplement the earnings of the soldiers and to maintain in the homes of soldiers something approaching to the comfort which obtained in ordinary times. This the fund has done as well as might be, but it has been at great cost and, in practically every province in Canada, its coffers are being depleted by the demands upon them. This is particularly the case in New Brunswick where despite a measure of public assistance, and the large private contributions, the receipts of the fund do not equal the expenditures, and in consequence the fund now faces a deficit to reduce which, such outlays as that of Saturday last have been planned. Next year the fund will be assessed for and supported by the public generally, so there should then be no further necessity of private effort in that line.

As with the Patriotic Fund so with the Red Cross, the Soldiers' Comforts Association and other organizations of lesser importance. Each is striving to do its part in the amelioration of the lot of the soldier and all are largely dependent upon private generosity for their support.

Decidedly this is not as it should be. There are no words too extravagant to acknowledge the generosity and sacrifice displayed by those who are laboring so well in the interests of the various funds, but should a comparatively few citizens be called upon to give so freely of their time, labor and money to perform what is really the duty of public authorities whether federal, provincial or municipal?

The men wearing the Canadian uniform at the front are serving the whole community and preserving to Canada—of the future as well as the present—the privileges of British liberty and all that makes life worth while. Why then should the present generation, as well as the present, pay for it? If it is necessary in this municipality, for instance, to raise \$100,000 to provide that these various organizations shall continue their work so long as the necessity for each work exists, why should that burden not be borne by the community at large instead of a comparative few?

The Standard learns that it is possible to wipe out the indebtedness of the Patriotic Fund by a municipal bond issue, or to provide needed money by borrowing until the next assessment is received. The Red Cross and the Soldiers' Comforts can be looked after in the same manner. Is there any good reason why this course should not be adopted? An objection which prevails in some quarters is that future generations should not be taxed to bear the burdens of the present. Under ordinary circumstances that objection would be well taken, but the present situation is so abnormal that in this, as in other things, it cannot be judged by usual standards or precedents. It is assured that when the war is over Canada will experience a prosperity greater than any in her history and it certainly should be regarded

as a good business practice to discount that prosperity in the interests of the men who today are making it possible.

Picnics, tag days, entertainments and private subscriptions are good modes of raising funds for the usual charitable undertakings, but the cause of the soldiers should not be classed as a charity. Rather is it a public service to be supported by the public. The adoption of the policy of assessing for the support of all recognized organizations working for the soldiers, or the soldiers' dependents, might arouse some criticism at first until the public became accustomed to the idea, but, eventually, it would commend itself to general approval.

This war has passed the experimental stage and is now a matter of national business. In all other departments it is being handled as a business concern. Why should the support, the care, or the provision of comforts for the soldiers and their families, be placed on a different footing? Is there any valid excuse for continuing to attempt to do privately, however well, what should be the business and duty of public men and of public funds?

AUSTRIA IN A BAD WAY.

It is the evident aim of the Allied strategy to turn their efforts now to the smashing of Austria in order that she may be eliminated from the struggle and the might of the Entente armies concentrated upon Germany. This is apparent from the fact that, on the eastern front, while he has not hesitated to deal with the Germans when he came across them, General Brusilov's primary objective was to smash the Austrian resistance. It is stated that the enormous toll of prisoners taken by the victorious Russian troops and now estimated at 450,000 is composed principally of Austrians while the loss by death and wounds among the men of the Austrian armies has been particularly severe.

Italy also is delivering sledge hammer blows against the long suffering Austrians who, thus, upon two fronts, have been compelled to encounter armies numerically much superior, better equipped, with a preponderance of guns and ammunition and fighting with the confidence of men who already see victory in sight. The dual-kingdom is caught between the upper and nether stones of the Allied mill and the task of grinding her into helpless submission is proceeding with a terrible certainty.

Now comes the Allied drive from Saloniki as the third great field in which the Austrians face disaster and defeat. In that area the Allies have long been gathering strength until now they are able to proceed and overcome all the opposition they are likely to meet. Probably the enemy depends upon Bulgaria with the assistance of Turkey to hold back the tide in this quarter but it is certain that the advance, like other advances, was not undertaken until there was absolute confidence that it would succeed and the Bulgars could be rolled back from Macedonia preparatory to the complete restoration of Serbia to the Serbs.

An exchange summarizes the situation thus: "The Allied attack may now be said to be on from every quarter. It is furthermore seems that the whole movement is directed primarily against Austria, for even the thrust from the breaking up of Bulgarian support for the dual monarchy and the pushing forward of an attack against Austrian soil delivered through Serbia. To Austria and her Bulgarian ally is deputed the task of holding Serbia, and the breaking out of the Saloniki offensive has, therefore, added meaning for Vienna.

"Germany appears to be unable to come to the assistance of her ally. In holding the long eastern front assigned to her armies and in withstanding the Allied attacks upon the west, the Germanic forces have plenty to do, and apparently Austria must fight her own battles from this time forward. The Allies appear to be aware that this is the situation, and they are hence bending their strongest efforts towards the virtual elimination of Austria. The intensity of the Anglo-French offensives, coupled with strong forces that are maintained in Russia along the whole Hindenburg line, are occupying Germany's full attention, and thus are leaving the way open to Russia and Italy, coupled with the Saloniki forces, to direct the strongest blows of which they are capable against the Austrian foe. As for Austria, her reserves are believed to have been already exhausted, and it would not be surprising were her powers of strong resistance to suddenly break down.

"Dispatches tell of the arrival in France of more Russian troops. Perhaps if the facts were all known, there is a continual stream of these vigorous fighting men passing into Southern France, where they are being armed and trained. What is the purpose that the Allies have in mind in this movement? The British and French armies now in the field or in readiness to move approximate those of Germany's forces on the east and west fronts, if, indeed, they do not greatly exceed the latter. Why, then, add Russian troops to these Allied forces? May we not venture this surmise, that Allied strategy proposes finally to determine the war upon the west front, as has frequently been predicted would be the case, and that to this end armies of the most prodigious strength and weight are to be gathered here, to be employed in the recognized great task of driving Germany out of France and Belgium and of breaking in upon the German frontier itself."

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CHARLOTTE CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT OAK BAY LAST WEEK

Largely Attended and Number of Interesting Subjects Discussed—New Officers Elected.

Oak Bay, August 11.—The first session of the County Convention was called to order by vice-president, Rev. J. E. Gosline. Rev. C. A. Bell with his choir led the song service. The report of the president, Mr. W. A. Ross, was read by Rev. W. A. Ross and Brother Watson.

An address on "The Need of Evangelism" was delivered by Rev. J. E. Gosline. Rev. D. W. Blackall gave the address of welcome which was much enjoyed by all. He emphasized the thought that all Christian ministers were apostles, but not all were in the line of apostolic succession. This address was unique and was much enjoyed.

Committees on nomination and credentials were appointed. W. S. Stephens gave a short address on the history of the Charlotte County Convention. The county was organized thirty years since, and while not so generally attended by the clergymen of the county, yet there had been large rains and efficient work had been done. Rev. W. A. Ross, the Provincial Secretary, always has a message. He based his remarks on Saul and his armor-bearer and their victory over the Philistines. He showed that numbers did not count with the Almighty, but that through men of faith and vision, God could win his battles. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

The chairman led the devotional exercises, giving a brief address on the opportunity of the Sunday School. The speaker showed that young life was most easily reached, that these formed the best workers, and that they made the steadfast men and women of the church and county statistics were presented by the secretary, Miss Addie Calder. These reports while not giving our statistics in full, showed that the schools were in a good position.

A healthy discussion on the existing methods so long in vogue followed. This discussion was led by Mrs. McWhinney of Maces Bay, and was participated by many others.

Treasurer's Report. The report of the treasurer showed that during the year there was raised nearly \$250, the greater part of which had been paid over to the provincial treasury.

The third session was opened promptly on time. After the devotional exercises, the chairman, Rev. J. E. Gosline gave the third address on Evangelism, the special subject being "Creating an Evangelistic Atmosphere."

This was a matter largely in the hands of the superintendent. This officer had in his hands the making of the Sunday School. His ideals eventually became the ideals of the Sunday School.

The business of the morning was resumed and after some further discussion the following resolution was passed: Resolve that the officers with five additional members have charge of the various departments of the Sunday School work. This eliminates the County Superintendents of departments.

The field secretary, Rev. W. A. Ross then gave an address on Standard District requirements after which he set forth the work of the organized Sunday School. This was most interesting and proven then adjourned to open air gathering on the lawn of Mr. Harry Wilson, where the following speakers voiced some phase of Sunday School work. Rev. Mr. Chown, Milton, C. A. Bell, Oak Bay, Geo. Gough, Scotch Ridge, A. C. Bell, Oak Bay, J. E. Gosline, Grand Harbor, W. A. Ross and L. Watson of Deer Island. The session was closed by singing the National Anthem and benediction by Rev. H. D. Chown.

The New Officers. The election of officers resulted in the following: President, J. S. Lord;

Little Benny's Note Book

The Park Ave. News.
Almost a Big Calamity. The wind blew 4 big flower pots of dert and flowers off of the 3rd story window of the corner house last Tuesday, nobody being underneath to be hit, but if a crowd had of bin standing there it is estimated that at least 2 wood of bin killed and several injured.

Wants a Week, Hane or Shina.
"Joeef, have you any idee wat nite this is?"
"Yes man, Salliday."
"Well then you must know wat you haff to do, don't you?"
Shortly afterwards the musical sound of splashing was heard from the bathroom.

The End.
Slasley Notes. The Wifio boy in the end house was observed in the act of allowing his mother to cut his hair last Thersday. O Froons, lets wash for low neck.
Sid Hunt's big brother Fred went out with a cane last Friday nite, accompanied in the rear for 2 blocks by an admiring audients consisting of Benny Potts, Skiny Martin, Ed Wernack and Sam Crawas.

Experiences.
Pome by Skiny Martin.
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Rescue my dawter!
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vice-president, J. E. Gosline; corresponding secretary, Mr. A. Calder; recording secretary, Mrs. Chas. E. Beach; treasurer, Mrs. Chas. E. Beach. Additional members of the executive, Mrs. Anne Richardson, Mrs. R. Mawhinney, Mrs. Chester Morrell, A. B. Christie, Miss Agnes Boyd.

The last session was opened by a song service. The scripture was read by Rev. J. E. Gosline and Rev. H. D. Chown offered prayer. After the reading of the minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read. Rev. H. S. B. Strothard gave a very helpful address on evangelism, emphasizing the personality of the teacher, the study of the Word, prayer and personal invitation.

The second address of the evening was given by Rev. W. A. Ross, the principal thought of which was centered around these questions: How far can you reach? How far can you see? How much can you give up?

The report of the credential committee showed that sixty-two delegates, pastors and etc. were in attendance. Votes of thanks were passed to the people entertaining the convention, to the choir for their service, and to the secretary for his excellent record.

The closing address of the meeting was given by Rev. J. E. Gosline, on conservation of our forces to the work of Evangelism.

An appeal was made to the workers present to more fully consecrate themselves to this work. A splendid response was made. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Gosline.

This was a splendid convention and will doubtless result in much good.

OBITUARY.

William Dobbin, of Robbessy, passed away yesterday morning after a lingering illness. He was sixty-two years old, and is survived by five brothers—Anthony, John, Alexander, James and Isaac. The funeral will take place this afternoon from his late residence. The late Mr. Dobbin had many friends who will learn of his death with much regret.

James W. Jones. At his late home in Kars, Kings county, James W. Jones died early yesterday morning. Deceased was a well known farmer and greatly respected. He was born and lived his seventy-five years on the homestead which has been the family location for many years. In religion he was a Baptist. Surviving him are his wife, one sister, Mrs. Cowan of Britania street, St. John; one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Linton, of North End, and

three sons, Lemuel and E. Jones at home, and Hanford, in Carleton county. The funeral will take place at 2.30 p. m. today.

Mrs. Timothy Harrington. The death of Mrs. Timothy Harrington occurred at her home Chipman, on Wednesday, August 9, after a short illness. She was a life long resident of Chipman, and one of the most highly respected members of that community. She is survived by her husband and two brothers, the latter in the west. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon from St. Joseph's church after Requiem High Mass by Rev. E. J. Conway.

On Six Weeks' Auto Trip. An automobile party from New Glasgow, consisting of H. W. Rogers, Frank Allan, R. W. Rogers, W. Stewart, together with four ladies, arrived in the city yesterday in two cars, after having spent six weeks in a delightful tour. Since leaving New Glasgow the party have visited Atlantic City, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Vermont, the Hudson, Quebec, and are now on their return to New Glasgow. A complete camping outfit was carried with the party and they state that during the entire trip they only encountered two days' rain.

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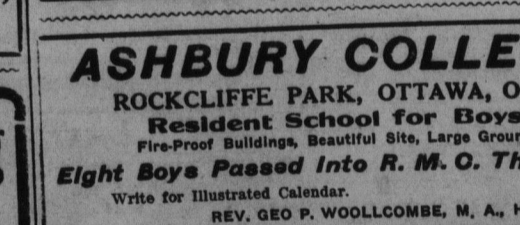
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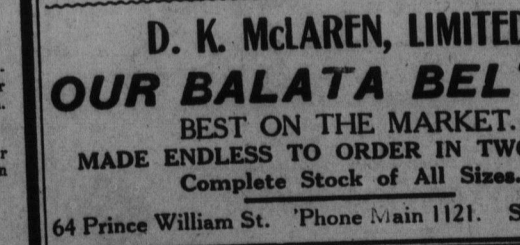
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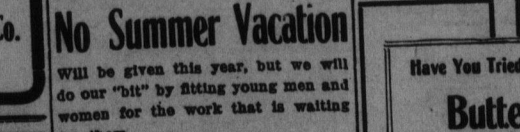
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the Salvation Army Hall, in Br
street. Services were conduct
Rev. F. P. Dennison, and inte
was in Cedar Hill.

Good Run of Herring.
Reports from Grand Manan a
the effect that the fishermen a