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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 RESULT IN P. E. ISLAND.

The Mathieson Government in Prince Edward Island has been sustained by a majority of four seats, and advice reaching The Standard early this morning indicate that ex-Governor Rogers, who was regarded as the Moses who would lead the Grit opposition back into power, has suffered defeat. While the result shows a larger Liberal gain than was expected, the fact that the Government was sustained at all when much of its legislation did not meet with popular favor is a striking tribute to the honesty of its administration.

While Premier Mathieson is not the type of politician to go out of his way to carry popular favor, he has proven himself an honest and capable leader and his administration has been conducted on the lines of strict integrity. He aroused much opposition by his automobile legislation and his stand on the prohibition question, while in the campaign the Liberals worked the usual game of misrepresentation with some effect. However, his Government goes back to power with an ample majority, and if there is anything in the belief that a strong opposition means good government then the Island province is in for four years of the best administration in its history.

As the campaign was very largely conducted on issues peculiar to the Island, and of purely local importance, it is not believed yesterday's result will have any bearing on the federal complexion of the next Island delegation. The Borden Government has done a great deal for Prince Edward Island and its people will probably show their gratitude when the time comes.

During the campaign which closed yesterday the Liberals indulged in all sorts of predictions as to the result and used every means known to bring about the defeat of the Government. They succeeded in securing thirteen seats where they formerly held two, and are entitled to all the consolation they can derive from an election which, while it proved more favorable than on the occasion of the last provincial appeal, still leaves them for another term in the cold shades of opposition.

## ROMANIA ONCE MORE.

The willingness of Bulgaria to listen to the proposals of the Turkish government and accept territorial concessions as the price of her support has brought home to Roumania and Greece with particular emphasis the question of participation in the world war. Some weeks ago the opinion was expressed that Roumania was on the point of taking up arms for the Allies while pro-British and pro-French sentiment in Greece was expected to bring that country into line as well. More recently, however, development along that line slackened materially and until the Bulgarian-Turkish negotiations assumed definite shape it was felt that Roumania and Greece might be able to maintain their neutrality until the end of the war. The fact that the Bulgars have reached certain understandings with Turkey has brought the situation home to the other Balkan nations which hope to profit from the defeat of the Teutonic Alliance. Roumania and Greece are now reported to be in more warlike mood and, indeed, in the case of Roumania, German papers indicate that she may at any moment become an active ally of Britain, France, Russia and Italy.

Roumanian aid at the present time would be acceptable but it is not indispensable. Without it the Allies have been able to carry the war for fourteen months to a point where, as Lord Kitchener observes, it is becoming patent that Germany has shot her bolt. In the Gallipoli Peninsula, where a hard campaign is being conducted, the progress made by the Allied troops is so marked that even the addition of Bulgaria to the Turkish forces could not have much effect in delaying a result that is now regarded as absolutely certain. Half a million Roumanian soldiers would be of assistance to the Russians but with the approach of winter and the immense advantage the cold weather will give to the Muscovites the Czar's troops can probably hold off the Roumans until now arrives

torial reserves to the colors which would mean an addition to his armies of about eight million men. If one-half of these can be mobilized and equipped during the winter, when the cold weather will give to the Russians a decided advantage, they should be in a position in the early spring to regain much of the territory now occupied by Germans.

Of course much may happen in the meantime. The forcing of the Dardanelles and the opportunity such a triumph will present to get supplies and munitions into Russia cannot but hasten the inevitable day of Teutonic defeat. In none of the reports from the eastern war front has it appeared that Russia has suffered for want of men. Men there are in abundance, but the difficulty has been with equipment of a type to cope with the heavy ordnance of the Germans. Russian resources are now being organized and the reports of the past few days indicate that the supply of munitions has already been improved to a point where counter-attacks can be undertaken with some show of success. This may also be held to have accounted in no small degree for the slower progress of the German armies, and when Russia is working at full capacity of plants as well as soldiers, when the product of the Russian factories can be supplemented by supplies from outside, there should be a different story to tell. In the fighting of the past few months the coat of the Russian bear has been considerably mussed, but it is not apparent that he has lost much of his efficiency. With the respite that winter is expected to provide he is likely to come back in the spring with more power than ever.

## HALIFAX AND THE 64TH.

It is natural that Halifax should try to get the 64th Battalion quartered there for the winter months as the presence of such a military force naturally means much to all lines of business in the city quartering it. But the laudable and natural desire of the sister city to secure the much needed boon should not prompt it to indulge in mean criticism of St. John.

The Halifax Mail of Wednesday published, under a Sussex date line, an article, mostly condemnatory in tone, in which St. John was held up as absolutely unsuitable as winter quarters for a military force. After stating that the belief in Sussex was that the 64th would come to this city the Mail informed its readers that among the officers there was "the hope that this idea may not be carried out." The article then went on as follows:

"The short of the matter is that St. John has got into unpleasant odor as winter quarters for any troops. The medical officer's report on the conditions at the armory when the 26th (New Brunswick) battalion was there from November to June was not satisfactory. The other places that were used for troops, the exhibition building, where the 6th Mounted Rifles, "B" Squadron, was before going to Amberst; the immigration sheds on the west side of the harbor where the No. 5 company Army Service Corps were stationed, were only fitted up in a temporary way. The Canadian Railway Construction Corps made their own provision in immigrant cars.

"Without undue criticism, too, it may be added, that the 26th, which is making a good name for itself by other measurements of military goodness than is possible in a somewhat 'foody-goody' town as St. John has the reputation of being, did not always have the discipline that would have avoided one or two things that in themselves were small for men who are not supposed to be eleven hundred white angels but which got magnified by the townspeople. Indeed the 26th battalion has found the truth of the Shakespearean lines:

"The evil that men do lives after them,"  
"The good is oft interred with their bones."  
"There are some who think that if St. John never again has a battalion with a pay roll of \$35,000 a month in its confines it will be its own fault. But the real military objection to St. John is that there is no field on which more than two companies can extend in open order within three miles of the armory and this is so far that it cannot be reached only once a day. This is on the Lancaster Heights, Fairville."

The Standard does not believe that the Halifax Mail can justify its criticism of the facilities in this city. The battalion stationed here last winter was well provided for and it is not on record that there was any complaint such as voiced by the Mail. It is perfectly justifiable for a city to look for business by every fair means but it will not be apparent that the interest of Halifax can be served by "knocking" St. John. Here is an opportunity for the St. John Board of Trade, the Rotary Club and kindred organizations supposed to be entrusted with the promotion of prosperity and good feeling to do some missionary work.

## RUSSIA'S CAMPAIGN.

If events of the past few days can be taken as a criterion the Russians are doing well in their opposition to the Teutonic armies. While the Austro-Germans continue to make slow progress on some sectors of the battle front, the wings of the Russian line are showing unexpected strength and are able to take a vigorous offensive with effect. It is reported that the Czar is preparing to call the terri-

## Little Benny's Note Book.

Skinny Martin was away yesterday, but my fellow was awl setting awn his front steps jest the salm as if he was there, and a big brown dawg littel wite dawg run out at it barking like anything, and the big brown dawg terned around and ran back up the street as if it was half scared to deah, wich it proberly was.  
G. wat do you no about that, it wood take moar than a littel wite dawg to scare me if I was a big brown dawg, sed Puds Simkins.  
It takes a lot to scare me, sed Sam Kravvs, wif I I was wakings alawng a dark alley and a robbir jumped out at me I bet I woodnt be scared, Id jest quick trip him up and run and get a cop.  
Im hard to scare, to sed my cuzin Artie, I bet if I was in the junglis and 3 lions julpd at me at wunts, I woodnt care as lawng as I had my gun with me.  
Wat if 4 lions did, sed Puds Simkines sissey cuzin Persey.  
4 lions eethly, sed my cuzin Artie.  
I bet I woodnt be scared even if I herd a berguler undir my bed, I sed, I bet Id jest lay still and pretend to be asleep and as soon as he had his back terned Id sneek in and get pop and the both of us wood take his pistol away from him and give him to a pieceeman.  
I woodnt be scared of a runaway horse and waggin, Id run rite out in the middil of the street and wave my arms and stop it, sed Persey.  
Yes you wood, we awl sed.  
Yes I wood, to sed Persey.  
Wich jest then the doar opened in back of us. Skinny Martins farthir was standing there, being even skinner than wat Skinny is, with a fearis dispersishin, and he said, Well, of awl the confowldid nerve, beet it, the hole pack of you, or Ill skin you alive.  
Chese it, we awl yelled and ran like anything in about 10 digfrent drecthins. Proving that no mattir how brave you think you are, thats only wat you think.

amount of their business. They require guarantees to go in with us. These might be given to them now, subject to revision when the treaty is made. The latter is, of course, what they are afraid of, and they are not wrong. In short, I have the greatest confidence; but how many months, how many lives, how much sacrifice, how much money will have to be spent, and how many ruins there will be!

## Went to Sussex.

Those who went forward to Sussex last night as recruits for the 64th, from the local office here, were: Oscar Nelson, George Ralph, Wm. Scott, W. Charles Beasley, Richard Thompson, James Ewart, Robert Long, Cambridge Orr, Charles H. Walton, Wm. Hayes, Walter Scott, Harry Cough, P. W. R. Bennet, Elmore Eldridge, Richard West, W. H. Betts, Arthur Englefield, Herbert Glover, A. H. Angle, Frank Anderson.

## Beat! Beat! Drums

Walt Whitman.  
(Written during the war between North and South).  
Beat! beat! drums—blow! bugles! blow!  
Through the windows—through doors—burst like a ruthless force,  
Into the solemn church, and scatter the congregation,  
Into the school where the scholar is studying;  
Leave not the bridegroom quiet—no happiness must he have now with his bride,  
Nor the peaceful farmer any peace, ploughing his field or gathering his grain,  
So fierce you whirr and pound you drums—so shrill you bugles blow.

Beat! beat! drums—blow! bugles! blow!  
Over the traffic of cities—over the rumble of wheels in the streets,  
Are lids prepared for "sleepers" at night in the houses? no sleepers, must sleep in those beds,  
No bargainers' bargains by day—no brokers or speculators—would they continue?  
Would the talkers be talking? would the singer attempt to sing?  
Would the lawyer rise in the court to state his case before the judge  
Then rattle quicker, heavier drums—so loud you bugles blow.

## A French Colonel's Confidence.

Some interesting remarks are to be found in the following extracts from a letter written by Col. de Jousseil, a French officer, to a friend in Montreal, Mr. L. H. Tache:  
"For my part, I am not badly, after having been eight months at Verdun, I have been appointed by the General-in-Chief-Commandant of the First Army Service Corps. This is a very interesting situation and one which will be of great advantage when we go to the front, which will not be far distant, I hope. Needless to say, I am very optimistic. Thanks to the help accorded by the Belgians and the British, the Germans have been checked in their advance on Paris, and now they are sure, in time, to be pushed back to Berlin with bayonets in their rear."  
"For me, the situation is good in France; it is improving in England, and it will clear up at the Dardanelles in time, with the help of men and money. The only dark point for us all is the retreating of the Russian army; but no matter if they retreat

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