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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 UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

While exact results in the presidential elections will not be known until today it was practically certain shortly after midnight that Charles Evans Hughes will be the next president of the United States and that the Republican party will have a majority in both branches of the American Congress. The first definite returns of importance to be received last night showed that the Republicans had carried the city and state of New York by a plurality well over the 100,000 mark. This victory in itself gave Mr. Hughes forty-five seats in the electoral college and proved reasonably indicative of the general result.

Most of the states claimed in advance by the Hughes party fulfilled expectations, while the south, as usual, went almost solidly Democratic with the normal majorities. Pennsylvania also ran in form and returned Hughes by a plurality estimated at 200,000 and before midnight it was apparent that even if Mr. Wilson should carry the states which at that time had not reported he could hardly save his election.

The causes leading to the defeat of the Democratic party are not easy of analysis at this time. Beyond a doubt the policy or rather lack of it which actuated President Wilson after the Lusitania disaster and in his treatment of the Mexican situation was one of the factors. The canvass made in behalf of the president that "he kept us out of war" proved less effective than the Hughes cry which was in effect that the boasted peace had been obtained at the price of the country's honor and self respect. This had closer application to the Mexican situation than to the real struggle overseas and there is no doubt that the adoption of a firmer attitude by the chief executive of the United States in his handling of the Mexican difficulty would have gained thousands of votes for him and might easily have saved the day.

## PREPAREDNESS FOR PEACE.

Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will be in St. John next week and will deliver an address on a subject concerning which altogether too little has been said. Sir George has already carried his message to a number of the Canadian cities and in every case has received marked attention. His theme is preparedness, not preparedness for war, but for the period that will come after the last shots have been fired and the peace undertakings signed.

It is a subject that should receive attention from all parts of Canada. This country was unprepared for war, the Empire was unprepared. Excepting Germany there was not a nation in the world ready at a moment's notice to send armies into battle. But the lesson of unpreparedness for war has been learned, and it is safe to say that never again will the Empire be caught napping in that regard.

Canada is equally unprepared for the conditions to come after the war, and it is the mission of Sir George to awaken the people from their condition of lethargy and cause them to make ready for what is to come. Possibly some of the opposition newspapers will claim that this is a matter that should be taken up by the Government. The Government has already acted but the function of any government is limited. It can lead but unless there is a generous response it can accomplish little. In the present case Sir George E. Foster is supplying the leadership demanded. He is pointing to the future and calling to the manufacturers, the merchants, the farmers and the working people to prepare for peace. He is urging them to think for themselves what they are to do when the ending of war brings them to new conditions with a sudden and, possibly, disconcerting shock.

As Sir George pointed out in Toronto last evening, the people of England have already commenced to consider this question, while the people of Canada, comparatively speaking, are asleep. Munition shops will close, if not immediately after the war, at least within a few months. By the end of the war half a million men will have been called from their life paths in Canada to don the King's uniform. Many of them will not return or if

they do it will be in a relatively inactivated degree. The very great majority of them however will resume life in this country and above every other consideration places must be found for them. These are facts that must be prepared for well in advance.

Canada's preparedness for the period after the war must lie in the direction of national and imperial self reliance. Within the Empire are great resources and these must be called out in such a manner that the factories engaged in munition manufacture will be continued as hives of peaceful industry. Our mining and timber resources must be utilized to the fullest extent. Our great stocks of raw material must be manufactured as possible within our own boundaries. Our agricultural lands must be settled and made to produce, our fisheries must be worked to render the greatest return. All these mines of wealth must be turned to account in filling the place of war occupations for our people.

Canada, without preparedness, has effectively adapted herself to war conditions. She has done what, prior to August, 1914, none would have dreamed she could do. The same ingenuity, the same thought, the same labor, applied to preparation for peace will work wonders and will enable this country to pass triumphantly through the reconstructive period into a time of assured prosperity and development.

The ten years first following the end of the war will be Canada's time of greatest opportunity. It is of the utmost importance that our people shall be in a position to avail themselves of it to the full. Sir George E. Foster is sounding the warning "to prepare." It is the duty of all Canadians to respond.

## A CONTRAST.

Contrast the Prime Minister's appeal to the manhood of Canada with the refusal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to co-operate in making a call to the nation from a joint committee of Parliament. These two documents show the men to be as far apart in spirit as the poles.

On the one hand is the head of the Government, making to the Canadian people a strong, simple and straightforward appeal for the mobilization, to the fullest possible extent, of the manpower of the nation. The appeal bespeaks the deep sincerity of the man who makes it, a man who, placed in a position of the highest responsibility, has spared no effort and has stopped at no sacrifice of time, energy or health, in the discharge of those responsibilities. Sir Robert Borden's personal example has been in itself a call to his fellow Canadians, a challenge to their patriotism.

Sir Robert Borden is not asking any man to do less than he has done or is prepared to do himself in placing all his energies at the service of the state.

Compare the loftiness of purpose, the high vision of the Prime Minister's appeal, with the action of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in refusing his support to the proposal for a call from a joint parliamentary committee. The main thing about the Laurier refusal is—that he refused.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was offered an opportunity to do something toward winning the war. He declined to do it. Would any man, sincere in his professions of sympathy for the allied cause, have refused that opportunity? Would any consideration have stood in the way? The cold truth is, says an exchange, that Laurier did not want and does not intend to lend his aid in any way toward winning the war for the Allies.

The head of a political party, confronted with the opportunity which was offered to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, could have refused with decency only upon a clean-cut and definite division of policy. According to the Laurier professions there exists no such division, so far as the prosecution of the war is concerned.

But according to his actions the division is there, not in the open, never admitted in words, but recognized nevertheless. It exists in the background, the dominating influence in all

Sir Wilfrid's actions since the war began, just as it was for many years before, the motive which impelled him to resist any and every effort put forth in the direction of imperial unity. It was Laurier the Separatist who refused to support the call to national service.

The excuse which he put forward is so trivial and so artificial as to constitute sufficient evidence—even if there was no other evidence—of the existence of some real reason, a reason of such a nature that he could not with safety proclaim it.

This is the man who seeks to be Prime Minister, who seeks control of the destinies of Canada in a moment of great national and imperial crisis. The blood of those gallant Canadians who have fallen in battle cries out against a thing so monstrous.

## SOME SENSATION IN TORONTO CITY

Two Members of Association of "Heirs" to \$700,000,000 Arrested on Charges of Conspiracy to Defraud.

Toronto, Nov. 7.—A sensation was created at noon today when Lawyer Chase, chairman of the Baker Heirs' Association, and John Moorehouse, another member of the association, were arrested on a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

There are about 150 members of the association, who claim to be the heirs of one Baker, who owned a valuable piece of land, now part of the site of Philadelphia, worth \$700,000,000. The members were holding a meeting in St. George's Hall when detectives appeared on the scene and effected the arrests.

## The Sunset Flight.

To the Editor of The Standard.  
Sir,—It is an interesting and very beautiful thing to see, just before sunset, particularly on fine evenings, the long stream of hundreds of crows on northwesterly flight from their feeding grounds on the sea shore to their sleeping quarters somewhere in the forest. Perhaps one of your readers interested in local natural history would tell us where and how far they go. The younger birds are carefully guided and marshalled by older ones, who at intervals keep circling round and round to see that the rest are safely coming along. Their course is always directly over the Hatheway estate. On very foggy evenings some of them alight for the night on the trees surrounding the Hatheway home-stand house. Unintentionally I once came in view shortly after they had landed, and just before dark had wholly set in. Instantly a vigilant crow-scout sounded the alarm in few short, sharp calls, and at once the whole flock rose like one man, so to speak, and resumed their northwesterly flight to the old camp ground.

About ten days or two weeks ago they appear to have discontinued this sunset flight, and since then small bands of them might be seen flying in other directions as if uncertain where to go to rest.

Probably for thousands of years crows have regularly made these journeys, evening and morning, and from it would surely be a matter for regret if their forest sanctuary has been desecrated perhaps by the woodman's axe or by the sacrilegious shot-gun.

E. C. DURNFORD.  
Fairville, Nov. 4, 1916.

## MILITARY NOTES.

N. B. Man in Balkans.  
Private Frank McManiman, Fredericton's only soldier fighting in the far off Balkan campaign, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the front during the recent heavy fighting against the Bulgarians. He is the first Fredericton man to be decorated in the present war and thus brings honor to himself and his native city.

Soldiers Reach England.  
It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: 132nd New Brunswick Battalion, 203rd Manitoba Battalion, half of the 169th Ontario

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## Little Benny's Note Book

Last Sunday after supper me and Sid Hunt and Puds Simkins and Sam Cross was all standing around the lamp post not doing anything on account of it being Sunday, and Puds Simkins took a rubber ball out of his pocket and started to bounce it, saying, I wonder if it would keep you from going to hevin if you had a catch on Sunday.

Which me and Sid and Sam didn't think it wood, but we wasn't sure, and we started to talk about whether we wood rather be a fireman or a mounted policeman, and which is the pleasantest deth, drownin' or gas, and different things, and a couple of stars came out, and I sed, Do you think people live on the stars

Only angels, sed Skinny Martin.  
Wat do they do up there? sed Sam Cross.  
O, jest set still and play on the harp, sed Skinny.  
Dont they ever eat? sed Puds Simkins.  
I shoood say not, theres nothing to eat, sed Skinny.  
Dont they ever get hunerry? I sed.

No, wat good wood it do? sed Skinny.  
Dont they even play games or anything? sed Sam.  
No, theyd get there wings mussed, they jest set there and play their harps, sed Skinny.

They stop at nite, dont they? I sed.  
There aint any nite, sed Skinny.  
And is that wat we wood haff to do if we went to hevin? sed Puds.  
Sure, we aint any better than any body elts, sed Skinny.  
O, G, lets us take a chance, lets have a catch, sed Puds.  
Wich we did.

Battalion, officers training corps, drafts, artillery, medical, royal flying corps and cyclists.

Join the Klitties.  
J. R. Benson Robinson, only son of Charles Robinson, secretary of the returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, has enlisted with the Klittie Battalion, How Lieuts. Welch and Foley Disd. A letter received by W. J. Wetmore from Capt. H. B. C. Sturdee gives the first authentic information of how Lieuts. Welch and Foley met their death. They and another officer were asleep in a dug-out when a German shell, making a direct hit, ploughed into the dug-out, instantly killing the two St. John officers. When Col. Mackenzie returned to headquarters to report the disaster, he found there the order transferring Lieut. Welch to the Klitties, and authorizing his return to Canada.

Major Brown in England.  
Major W. R. Brown, formerly of the 26th Battalion, is now in England taking a commanding officer's course. It is expected he will be given a battalion.

Recovering From Fever.  
Word was received in the city on Monday from Sergeant Thomas McMenamon, who was recently reported ill with malarial fever, saying that he is on his way to recovery.

Dr. Corbett Addressed Field Ambulance.  
About twenty-five members of the Field Ambulance, under the command of Sergeant Ross, were in attendance at St. Mary's church last evening. A short address was given by the officer commanding the Field Ambulance Training Depot, Major G. G. Corbett.

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