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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 GOVERNMENT AND PROHIBITION.

When the delegation representing the temperance people of this province waited upon the Provincial Government and asked for a referendum on the question of prohibition they found the Government in entire sympathy with the request and a pledge to introduce legislation looking to the ultimate prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors was speedily forthcoming. The answer of the Government was perfectly satisfactory to the temperance people and a bill to give effect to the pledge was prepared.

Borden has referred the case to a Royal Commission rather than a parliamentary committee, indicates the complete absence of such tactics as those employed by the Laurier government and by proficiency in the exercise of which Mr. F. B. Carvell won his title of chief of "the Blockers Brigade." Refraining altogether from any attempt at pre-judgment it may not be amiss to briefly outline some of the facts in connection with the Ottawa situation as they have developed to date.

result of the Duff-Meredith Commission with confidence that Sir Sam will be able to clear himself from the least vestige of suspicion. The Standard has no desire to pre-judge the case. We merely mention the developments referred to in order that our contemporary may keep the record straight.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

In the Provincial Legislature last evening Hon. J. A. Murray, acting premier, introduced the Government's Valley Railway legislation to provide for the construction of that road by the West side, instead of the East side route. An interesting coincidence in relation to this, is that on the same day, in Ottawa, Hon. Dr. Reid, acting Minister of Railways and Canals, assured Mr. Carvell that the Dominion Government would take over and operate the road and pay to the province as a rental forty per cent. of the gross earnings.

The statement of the acting Minister of Railways corroborates the announcement of members of the Local Government that the railway would be operated by the Dominion as a part of the Canadian Government Railway system. It also establishes the fact of building the road by the route the operating party desires, as that is the party whose efforts the railway will produce revenue and become an asset to the province.

The Valley Railway matter has been so thoroughly discussed, and the advantages of the West side route so completely placed before the people, that it is unnecessary to refer to it in detail at this time. By the West route the cost of the expensive and, possibly, hazardous undertaking of attempting to bridge the St. John and Kennebec rivers will be saved to the province, the people will secure a road which will form part of the Government system of Railways and thus ensure additional transcontinental connection for this port, and the St. John Valley country will obtain much needed railway facilities.

Little Benny's Note Book

Miss Kitty told the class about King Lear, on account of Shakespeare being 300 years old, and my cousin Sue was at our house for supper, and after supper grandpapa came around, and me and Sue started to play King Lear, Sue being Bedelia, the youngest daughter, and me being the oldest daughter, not remembering her name.

And he went in another room to read it and me and Sue started to play subterfuge by butting each other in the back. Northumberland Strait Still Blocked. Navigation between Shediac and Summerside will probably not open for several days as the strait is still partly full of drift ice.

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N. B. MEN IN FATAL BRAWL IN MAINE

News has been received here of the death under suspicious circumstances of Thomas R. Ryan, a native of Carleton County, in Fort Fairfield, Me. Ryan was 35 years old and was employed as a farm hand by Charles Fisher. It is alleged that during an altercation Ryan was struck by Victor Violette, aged 25, formerly of Madawaska County.

PERSONAL

T. B. Blair and R. E. Smith of the Royal Bank of Canada, St. John, N. B., spent the Easter holidays in Montreal. A. J. Nesbitt of Nesbitt Thompson & Co., is in Hamilton attending the annual meeting of the Steel Company of Hamilton.

THE KYTE CHARGES.

The clamorous Times insists that there shall be no pre-judgment in the case of Sir Sam Hughes and suggests that comment should be deferred until the evidence is all in. This is the view The Standard has always taken in regard to matters of this sort but, strangely, a view that never seemed to appeal to the Times or the clique of political opportunists and blockers for which that paper affects to speak, unless the Times and its party happened to be getting rather the worst end of the argument.

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STANDARD COMPETITION For Boys and Girls

Full Name..... Address..... Age..... Birthday.....

MAGISTRATE ORDERS LIQUOR RETURNED TO CONSIGNEE

An interesting case arising out of a shipment of a barrel of ale and porter by a local brewery firm to Mr. J. Conley in Miramichi, came up for hearing in the police court at Chipman, N. B., on Saturday. The liquor which was shipped from here by way of freight was seized at Chipman while en route to Miramichi by Scott Act Inspector Isaac Gault of Queens county. The barrel was marked "Intoxicating Liquor" and also the names of the consignee and consignee. The Liquor Inspector contended that it was not marked for "personal use" and the case came up for hearing on Saturday with Magistrate Parkhill presiding. Mr. Conley greatly contended that a vote was moved to him for personal use. The magis-