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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down 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.

Last week the Government presented a measure in the Provincial House which really goes farther than the temperance people requested and provides for the prohibition of the liquor traffic from May 1st, 1917, or practically in one year's time. This action has been hailed with approval all over the province not only because it marks the fulfillment of a pledge but also recognizes that the great majority of the people are in favor of prohibition, and consequently anticipates the result of a referendum.

After the Government had first announced that it would meet the wishes of the temperance people the members of the provincial opposition met in convention in this city and, realizing that the Government had taken a strong and popular stand, hastened to place some sort of temperance plank in the platform of the leaderless party. That plank is published herewith and, as will be seen, is not very definite in its provisions. It is as follows:

"We pledge ourselves at the first session of the legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the province to the fullest extent allowed by the constitution, and within three months after the passage of said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter."

Pursuant of this promise will reveal that the opposition, by their own admission, was prepared to allow fifteen months to elapse between their return to power and enforcement of prohibitory legislation. And it should be remembered that the party making the promise lacked the ability to get a leader to take charge of its demoralized following, to say nothing of its very feeble hope of success in an appeal to the electorate. Three months after their return to power they would hold a referendum and one year later put a prohibitory act into effect—fifteen months in all.

The Government on the other hand has introduced the legislation providing for prohibition on May 1st, 1917, without the formality of a referendum and many months earlier than the opposition, even if sincere, could have hoped to give effect to the wish of the temperance people. There are thousands of Liberals as well as Conservatives in the ranks of the prohibition party in this province. They are satisfied that the Government will keep its promise. There has been no attempt on the part of the Government to make this a political question. That step has been taken by opposition newspapers which are now trying to throw suspicion on the Government's good intention in the matter. In the light of all the facts it is decidedly ill-advised attempt.

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 opportunist 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.

The Duff-Meredith Commission opens its sessions in Ottawa today and there is every reason to believe that all the facts in connection with the allegations of Mr. Kyte and his friends will be brought to light. There is no desire on the part of the Government to hide anything; on the contrary the very fact that Sir Robert

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.

Before Sir Sam Hughes left for England he was assured by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that nothing would be brought up by the Liberal party which might make it necessary for the Minister of Militia to be in his place in the House.

Hardly had Sir Sam turned his back before Mr. Kyte launched his allegations, or before opposition newspapers all over the country were assailing him as a "grafter" and a "thief" and one who "trafficked in blood."

Sir Robert Borden announced that the allegations would be thoroughly investigated by a Royal Commission and the same day Sir Sam Hughes cabled from England that he would return to face his accusers.

At once the opposition pressed changed its tune. Sir Sam might have been imposed upon or might even have been extravagant, but that he was personally dishonest was the thing farthest from the thought of those opposition editors.

The opposition speakers and the opposition press blatantly trumpeted from coast to coast their belief that Col. J. Wesley Allison, the man alleged to have made huge profits from the fuse contracts was "out of the country" and "would never return."

Col. Allison, as soon as notified that he might be required in Ottawa, announced his complete willingness to return and as a matter of fact is already in the capital prepared to go on the witness stand and supply all information in his power.

One of Mr. Kyte's strongest pieces of "gallery play" was made when he read what purported to be a copy of an agreement between Allison, Cadwell, Bassick, Yeakum, Lignault and others concerned in the fuse contracts providing for a division of enormous commissions.

Col. Allison declares no such agreement ever existed and there is to date no indication where Mr. Kyte secured his "information." An exchange commenting upon that particular phase of the question remarks as follows:

"The whole basis of the Kyte scandal was an alleged agreement by which Allison and associates were to divide a million dollars as commission on a twenty-two million dollar fuse contract. He read that purported agreement to the House and told, in lurid language, that the money advanced by Canada to mushroom companies had been divided by the promoters out of the blood and agony of the Empire."

"It now transpires, from the speech of General Hughes, that there is and was no such agreement; that no million dollars or any other money has been divided by Allison; that Hughes has been divided by Allison; that Hughes is assured that Kyte knew there was no such agreement; that the document read to the House and placed on Hansard, was a bogus document; and that he knew it was bogus when he read it, to trick the House and the country into believing it was genuine."

"The penalty of such trickery is expulsion from parliament and the loss of contempt of all decent men, Liberal and Conservative alike, but Kyte is now whining around the corridors that they can't get him because never spoke of it as a contract and never guaranteed its authenticity as an agreement. If he didn't mean the House and country to believe that he was reading a bonafide contract, and that it was true that Allison and associates had bagged a million dollars commission on twenty-two million dollar contracts (less than five per cent. by the way), then he must take the other horn of the dilemma—that he deliberately tricked parliament and the country by using a bogus agreement as a foundation for a framework of abominably false innuendoes, suspicions, rumors and charges, designed to assassinate the reputation and usefulness of General Hughes, discredit the Government and which has tended to make Canada odious in the eyes of people when they had no means of knowing the truth."

The Government and the Conservative party is well content to wait the

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 need of building the road by the route the operating party desires, as that is the party by 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.

The Government has done well in the matter of the Valley Railway, and will receive the endorsement and approval of the very large majority of the people of this province, irrespective of what may be said by those personally interested in the East side route, or desirous of making political capital for the leaderless opposition.

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 Port 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. The trouble occurred in a stable at Port Fairfield, Ryan dying in the hospital. Violette surrendered himself to Deputy Sheriff Geo. Strickland and is held on the charge of manslaughter. Ryan, who had the reputation of being industrious and peaceable, generally, according to witnesses was somewhat intoxicated and had some words with Violette in the stable. He was ordered out and left but turned as if to come back, when it is alleged that Violette, apparently much angered, struck him. Ryan fell heavily, striking on his head, and was picked up unconscious. While he did not revive, he was taken to the hospital and did not recover consciousness. He is a native of Centerville, N. B., and had been employed on the Fisher farm for several years.

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.

James McQueen of Shediac, one of the Liberal leaders in Westmorland, is at the Royal.

John O'Brien, of Nelson, sheriff of Northumberland, is at the Royal.

James H. Hamilton, H. S. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, of Fredericton, were guests of the Royal yesterday.

L. P. Loggie and Mrs. Loggie of Loggieville were at the Royal yesterday.

H. E. Fawcett of Sackville was at the Royal yesterday.

H. F. Alward of Moncton was at the Royal yesterday.

J. B. Nugent of Moncton was a guest of the Royal yesterday.

Charles A. Alexander of Campbellton was at the Victoria yesterday.

John P. Weir of Moncton was at the Victoria yesterday.

N. W. Brevlegh of Sussex was a guest of the Victoria yesterday.

Charles A. Peabody and A. G. Fields of Woodstock were guests of the Victoria yesterday.

A. Nelson of Grand Manan was at the Victoria yesterday.

H. E. Dore of Woodstock was at the Victoria yesterday.

J. F. Falconer of Moncton was at the Victoria yesterday.

Lance Corporal Percy E. MacIver.

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.

Hoos going to be King Lear? and Sue, and I said, Ill ask grandpapa if he wants to be. With I did, saying, Grandpapa, do you want to be King Lear, Im your oldest daughter that pretends to love you but dont, and Sue is your youngest daughter that pretends not to but does, her name is Bedelia.

Sure, all rite, sed grandpapa, Ill be King Lear, who rote the play, you?

No sir Shakespeare, I sed.

O, is that one of his, he rote Hamilt and Julius Seaser, to, sed grandpapa and I sed, Now you must ask us wich loves you the most and I say I do, and then you give me all your property.

All rite, wich loves me the most, sed grandpapa.

I do, I love you so much I cant say ill, I sed.

Thats elegant, how about you, Bedelia sed grandpapa.

I jest love you like a dawter, sed Sue.

Shame on you, huzzie, sed grandpapa.

I love you so much I wood kiss your shoes if I had to, I sed, and grandpapa sed, Good boy, I mean good girl, take all my property with you and go and now I want to read the paper, Wich he started to do, and Sue ran to the sofa and got a pillow and went behind his chair, saying, Heers how much I love you. And she started to hit him on top of the hed with the pillow, and I jumped on him and started to hug him saying, O farthir, look how much I love you, aint you glad.

Im keep on hitting both of us on the hed with the pillow, and King Leers paper started to tare, and he jumped up, saying, Get away from heer, both of you, Im all throo playing, confound it, look at this paper, now.

And he went in another room to read it and me and Sue started to play subterfuge by butting each other in the back.

ney and Frank S. Crawford of the 10th Battalion, Sussex, have returned after spending the Easter holidays at their home in Chance Harbor.

J. Vroom of St. Stephen was at the Victoria yesterday.

Harry McDonald of Shediac is at the Dufferin.

S. V. Skillen of St. Martins was at the Dufferin yesterday.

C. W. Upham of Sussex was at the Dufferin yesterday.

A. R. MacKenzie of St. Stephen was at the Dufferin yesterday.

George O. Peters of Sackville was a guest of the Dufferin yesterday.

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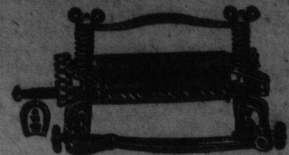
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This week's contest is one that I am sure you will all enjoy. It is a story about a boy and a girl, and it is a story that is full of interest and excitement. Write out carefully and make out of the letters in the word "Intelligence" more than two hundred words, write on one side of the paper, and send them to the editor of the Standard, not later than April 26th, 1916. I shall select the best and the sender of the next longest, and there will also be five artistic diplomas. All communications to be addressed to: UNCLE TOM'S.

whose decision must be considered as final.

WORD-MAKING CONTEST

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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 consignor 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 protested, and a vote was taken and found that the liquor was shipped to him for personal use. The magistrate