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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.

## WHY?

Frank B. Carvell, Member of Parliament for the County of Carleton, N. B., and George W. Kyte, Member of Parliament for the County of Richmond, N. S., have made serious allegations against a responsible minister of the Canadian Government and responsible Canadian officials.

These allegations and comments upon them by the men named and the Liberal press have had the effect of defaming Canada and of arousing throughout the world a contempt and prejudice against this country.

Free and full investigation of the allegations made by Carvell and Kyte has shown there was no corruption or dishonesty on the part of the Minister of the Canadian Government or the Canadian officials referred to.

Why should Frank B. Carvell, Member of Parliament for the County of Carleton, N. B., and George W. Kyte, Member of Parliament for the County of Richmond, N. S., be permitted to remain in Canada public life?

## MR. CARVELL'S CHEAP THREAT.

Mr. Frank Carvell has been blustering in Montreal as to what he will do in connection with the fuse charges when he goes back into Parliament, and under the shelter of his parliamentary privilege. That course of action is not unlike Mr. Carvell, but his most recent activity suggests that what he hoped for from the Meredith-Duff investigation was a political decision rather than a finding on the facts.

The charges made by Mr. Carvell and Mr. Kyte, in Parliament, and which resulted in the creation of the commission, came under three heads, as follows:

That the Shell Committee "under superior influence" let contracts to American mushroom companies who "never had made a fuse and never intended making a fuse," as a blind to enable friends of J. Wesley Allison, friend of General Hughes, to divide a million dollars commission, the million being advanced by the Shell Committee.

That this transaction was entered into with the knowledge and consent of General Hughes, who was "primarily responsible for the whole nefarious business."

That the Shell Committee discriminated against Canadian industry by improperly letting contracts with American firms.

It will be noted that the promoters of the charges contended that the Shell Committee let contracts to mushroom companies "under superior influence," and also that Major General Sir Sam Hughes was "primarily responsible for the whole nefarious business." Presumably the Minister of Militia was the gentleman who exerted the "superior influence." Does the Telegraph now dare to say so?

There was a wide open investigation by independent judges, one of whom was nominated by the Liberal opposition. The opposition was represented by four clever lawyers, the leader of whom was paid a large fee by the Government. And what is the net result so far? The following remarks from the Commissioners and admissions from Liberal lawyers, are, to say the least, significant:

"There is no evidence to show that General Hughes brought pressure of any kind against the Shell Committee."—Sir William Meredith.

"I have no desire to impute any personal dishonesty either to General Bertram or Col. Carnegie."—F. S. Markley, associate counsel with Mr. Carvell for Mr. Kyte.

"I admit that in his speech in Parliament Mr. Kyte misconstrued the facts of the agreement" (the agreement entered into between the Shell Committee and the American Ammunition Co.)—Mr. F. B. Carvell.

"I think I ought to say that with regard to corruption or personal dishonesty, it is not proven."—Mr. Justice Duff.

"I have already stated, and I repeat, that charges of dishonesty against General Hughes have been absolutely disproven."—Mr. Justice Duff.

"General Bertram (chairman of the Shell Committee), is a good Canadian."—Mr. F. B. Carvell.

"There is nothing against General

Hughes personally."—Mr. E. F. B. Johnston.

Here two judges and three Liberal lawyers are quoted as placing themselves on record after the evidence was all in that there was no evidence of personal dishonesty against General Hughes or the Shell Committee. What then is left on which the Liberals, and especially their muck-raker in-chief, hope to obtain a verdict?

Mr. Carvell is welcome to make all the capital he can out of the situation when he returns to Parliament. It will probably be found that he will be taken care of there and that when he next seeks the support of the electors of Carleton county he will be disappointed. In Canada's public life will interest him no more.

## SIR SAM AND HIS CRITICS.

Liberal newspapers have attempted to make a great deal of capital out of a letter which Sir Sam Hughes is reported to have written to Earl Kitchener concerning the Ypres salient. Reduced to facts and stripped of politics there was little or nothing to criticize in that letter. Sir Sam wrote nothing that was discourteous, presumptuous or assertive, nothing that he had not an absolute right to write or say as Minister in control of the War Department of the Canadian Government. Moreover it is known that his opinion was based largely on the view of Canadian officers who had had long experience on the Ypres line.

Friendly criticism, or suggestion to the British Government or the British Minister of War has never been regarded as a crime except by the Liberal press, the same press which supported the Liberal party in refusing aid to the British navy in 1912. If those newspapers take the ground that such suggestions as Sir Sam made were out of place and uncalled for, why is it that they have paid no attention to the very definite statements of Premier Hughes of Australia, who, while in Great Britain recently made public utterance of criticism regarding the conduct of operations in Gallipoli where the loss of life in the Australian troops was very heavy?

Sir Sam's statement to Earl Kitchener and the letter which followed were made in what he believed to be the best interests of Canada and he had the right to make them. The Liberal newspapers have been prodigal in their condemnation and criticism of the Minister of Militia but the Liberal party does not number one man who could take his place. If this country had a hundred public men of the type of Sir Sam Hughes it would be better for the country.

## THE CALL FOR RECRUITS.

The Toronto Mail and Empire, of recent date, contains an eminently sane and practical article on the recruiting problem which, although written particularly for the Ontario district, applies with equal force to the Province of New Brunswick. Answering the question "Why recruiting lags?" the Mail and Empire says in part:

"Recruiting lags, not because the supply of fit men is exhausted, but because the duty of enlisting has not been sufficiently brought home to a considerable number of the young manhood in and about Toronto. We believe there are still enough men of the right stamp to form a division in this district. We are very sure that they are not dead to the appeal for the defense of the country and Empire to which they belong. But they do not respond to the tone in which that appeal has too often been made. There has been too much tom-tomming and tom-tomming in the recruiting. To say that these methods have served their turn and have merely culled the usefulness, and that for the harder stratum that has now to be penetrated, drills of a different temper must be used, is to pay an undue compliment to them. The more uncouth of the expedients resorted to were never of any utility. It would be an affront to the men who are already in the ranks to say of them that they were got there by stinging words, by hippodroming or by clap-net. The great majority of the men in the ranks joined in spite of these features. Other considerations carried the day with them and decided them to join. And the men who have not yet joined must be approached in quite another manner. Some of them, indeed, might now be in un-

form if they had not been prejudiced against enlisting, instead of being persuaded thereto by flippant and offensive methods of going about the business of recruiting.

"It is not by shaming or scolding or dogging them that the men who have not yet come forward can be enlisted. They must be treated as self-respecting Canadians who only need to be convinced that they are wanted in order to bring them to the colors. There may be, doubtless, are shirkers and young men of little patriotic or any other kind of spirit. We have not many of them in this military district. Many poor fellows who never had a good word from any respectable quarter have shown themselves patriots and have made the supreme sacrifice in this war. In that particular they have not been behind the great mass of highly-reputed young men who were their comrades in the Canadian army. The men still at home are for the most part held by what before the war were considered the very strongest bonds—those of filial duty, of family maintenance, of attention to business, of establishing themselves in life. The real recruiters are men and women who can by quiet and sober statement convince these men that there is serious need for them in the defensive forces of the Dominion. It is not in any irresponsible way that these young men have been accustomed to act. They are entitled to have the case put to them as all proposals of a business character have usually been put to them. The man who, after full and solemn consideration of the public exigency and of his duty as a citizen, makes up his mind to serve can usually be depended upon to make a stout fighter."

## INSPECTION OF THE 104TH YESTERDAY

Major General Benson and Staff Greatly Pleased With Appearance and Quality of Col. Fowler's Men.

Major General J. Benson, O. C., 6th Military District; Major Jones, D. A. G., and Brigadier General McLean inspected the 104th Battalion at Sussex yesterday afternoon prior to their embarkation for England.

The party were met at the station by a guard of honor of 50 men from "C" company under command of Major C. J. Placemore, accompanied by the regimental bands.

The orderly room and books were inspected yesterday afternoon. Today the customary field inspection will take place at 9.30 a. m.

As far as could be learned last evening from Lieut.-Col. Fowler, the battalion will be leaving sometime during next week for Halifax. The exact day is yet unknown.

The citizens of Sussex will tender a dinner to Lieut.-Col. Fowler Monday night.

## Composite Battalion.

It has been reported, although as yet unconfirmed, that the Composite Battalion, stationed on Partridge Island, will be converted into a Siege Battery to be identified as No. 9. The battalion has about 60 men on strength. To complete the battery about 75 more men will be required. The unit is at present under command of P. Wetmore with the rank of captain. Captain Wetmore, should such a change take place, will probably be promoted to be major.

## 115th Battalion.

The battalion arrived safely at Valcartier without any mishaps, according to word received in the city.

The rear guard will remain in the city under Lieut. H. Thompson, for a few days yet to round up a few of the absentees who evaded the fall-in order when the battalion left for Valcartier. The two recruiting clerks who have rendered such valuable service to the cause of recruiting in St. John, will be leaving for Valcartier the last of the week. Their names are P. T. Cormier, Centreville, and Private M. L. Young, formerly of Cape Breton, but lately of Lunenburg. Both men have assisted materially in the recruiting office on Prince William street.

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Was do I haaf to do, sed Puds.

Jes set on the top steps with your arms and legs crossed and make a funny face, I sed.

Wich Puds did, being a pritty good looking idol, and the idol worshippers being me and Sam Craws and Sid Hunt, started to do a war dance down on the pavement with our hands on each others shoulders, and the idol sed, Hay, you got to slam to me, wy dont you slam to me?

How? sed Sid Hunt.

It means settin' down on your nees and hitting the pavement with your hees, sed Puds. And the idol worshippers got down on their nees and slammed to him, saying, Owich, every time their hees came down to hard. And then we did another war dance and then we started to slam to the idol agen, and the idol sed, Im getting all stiff settin' heer like this, let sumbody else be the idol, the is no fun.

Aw, go on, be it, nobody elts looka like a idol, I sed.

Well was you haaf to all bring me a offering, all idol worshippers bring offerings, sed Puds.

G, thats rite, sed Sam Craws. And we all ran in our houses to get offerings, and the idol was still settin' there like a idol wen we came out agen, and we put our offerings in front of him, me putting a haaf of a easter egg left from easter, and Sam Craws putting a slice of gingerbread with a bite out of it, and Sid Hunt putting a apple with 2 bites out.

You alint allowed to eat them, remember, a idol alint supposed to be alive, I sed.

All rite, now you got to prostrate yourself with your backs ternaed to me, sed Puds. Wich we did, prostrating ourselves on the pavement with our backs ternaed to the idol, and all of a sudden Sam Craws yelled, Hay he aint there. And we all jumped up and heer the idol had snuck in the house with all the offerings, and we rang the bell and his mother sed he had went out the back way, and the idol worshippers hunted around a wile without finding him and they got up a game of hand ball.

And will be greatly missed by the recruiting officer Capt. Miller.

## KHAKI STRIPS.

Private Thomas Mantle, of the 140th, who was employed by The Standard when he enlisted for overseas duty, was waited on last evening by some friends and presented with a cigarette holder.

One recruit, John Craigie, from P. E. Island, enlisted yesterday at the recruiting rooms on Prince William St., and signed on for the 140th Battalion. Numerous applications for "applied and rejected" buttons were received yesterday at the recruiting offices.

The number of buttons given out until 5 o'clock was 28. During the early part of the evening fully 25 men assembled in front of the recruiting office awaiting their turn to receive a button.

Corporal John McDonald, son of D. McDonald, a member of the 36th Battalion, will return to Halifax today to join his regiment, the R.C.R., after spending a few days at his home on the Woodstock Road near Fredericton.

Colonel J. W. Bridges, assistant medical director of the 3rd Canadian Division, arrived at Fredericton accompanied by his brother, H. Bridges of Ottawa, and during his stay in the city he will be the guest of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. T. G. Loggie.

Lieut. Colonel Powell received word yesterday from Ottawa to the effect that his brother, Gunner Powell of the Ottawa battery, in the first brigade, was missing.

Lieut. Allan Laurie is in St. John. He will be attached to the New Brunswick command during the absence of Captain T. R. McNally who is in New York.

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## JUNE WEDDINGS

Sullivan-Johnston.

A quiet wedding was celebrated in St. Peter's church yesterday morning when Rev. J. H. Borgmann united in marriage Charles E. Sullivan and Miss Florence Johnston. Miss Alice White acted as bridesmaid, and Edward McCann as groomsmen.

McGrath-Rodden.

A very pretty wedding took place in St. Peter's church at six o'clock yesterday morning when Miss Annie L. Rodden and James B. McGrath were united in marriage by Rev. Peter Costello. Miss Eleanor Boyce was bridesmaid and William McGrath, groomsmen. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. J. E. Boyce, Chesley street, after which the happy couple left for a trip to Upper Canadian cities. On their return they will reside on Clarendon street.

Cunningham-McDonald.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at 8.15 o'clock in St. David's Presbyterian church, when Miss Annie McDonald was united in marriage to Chas. Cunningham of the Imperial Tobacco Company. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. MacKellon, pastor of the church, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The young people left on the American boat for a honeymoon trip to Boston. On their return they will reside at 10 Adelaide street.

Ryan-Ramsay.

A wedding of much interest was celebrated yesterday morning in Holy Trinity church when Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G., united in marriage Miss Annie B. Ramsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ramsay, of this city, and Joseph L. Ryan, of Campbellton. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan left on a short trip to Halifax, and on their return will reside in white and where Mr. Ryan is practicing his profession as a lawyer. The popularity of the young people was marked by the receipt of many beautiful presents.

Follett-Pyne.

The wedding of J. A. Follett, of Newfoundland, to Miss Edna Hart Pyne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pyne, of this city, was solemnized at four o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Tabernacle Baptist church by Rev. P. P. Dennison officiating. The bride, who was veiled in white and wore a train, was attended by her sister, Miss Grace Pyne. S. L. Rose acted as groomsmen.

Fanjoy-Walker.

The wedding of Clarence Frank Fanjoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fanjoy, to Miss Phoebe Belle Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, of 82 Kennedy street, took place at eight o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of Rev. John Hardwick, corner Cedar and Main streets. Mr. Hardwick being the officiating clergyman. The bride is a popular member of St. Matthew's church. The wedding was a quiet one on account of the recent report that her brother has been seriously wounded at the front.

Buchanan-Sears.

Hillsboro, June 21.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sears, of Edgett's Landing.



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