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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.

## TELEGRAPH'S "SHELL GAME."

Unwilling and afraid to answer The Standard's challenge and hold a little investigation of its own into local shell contracts, the facts in connection with which can easily be obtained; lacking sufficient manliness of spirit and fairness to interview Mr. J. B. Cudlipp or the Messrs. Fleming of the Phoenix Foundry in reference to what Mr. Carvell claimed was a "chamfer graft" participated in by those gentlemen, the Telegraph now relies on the editorial thunderings of more powerful Liberal guns to rake the Government's lines, and quotes the Montreal Herald in denunciation of the alleged "war grafts" and the decision of Sir Robert Borden that an enquiry can only be held with the sanction of the Imperial Government. Sir Robert Borden's standing as a statesman is sufficient guarantee that he would not make the statement ascribed to him unless he possessed absolute knowledge of its truth. That phase of the question is not at issue just now.

The point raised by the Montreal Herald and reiterated by the Telegraph, is that there has been something dishonest in the manner in which shell contracts have been awarded and filled and that fear that details of this dishonesty may become public is the impelling motive behind the Government's decision that an investigation is a matter of Imperial rather than Dominion Government concern.

We readily admit that if dishonesty has existed in connection with munition contracts the Telegraph and the Montreal Herald are in a position to know a good deal about it. Mr. George McAvity, the principal owner of the Telegraph, is one of the leading members of a firm that has filled more than one contract for shells and if his contracts were secured under false pretences, or improperly executed, he certainly should be in possession of the details and there is nothing more natural than that he would be willing to take the editor of the Telegraph into his confidence. In other words if the McAvity firm defrauded the Imperial government who would be in a better position to know it than Mr. McAvity himself?

The Standard believes that if the Telegraph desires first hand information concerning at least one of the contracts it can obtain all relevant facts from one of its own directors. Failure to do so and to publish the information so gained is capable of one of two constructions; either the McAvity contracts were honestly secured and executed, and the Telegraph lacks the fairness to say so, or else there are matters in connection with them which the Telegraph owners do not wish to print. We leave it to the Telegraph to explain to Mr. McAvity and the public which reason is the correct one.

As with the Telegraph so with the Montreal Herald. No man in Canada should know more about the awarding and handling of shell contracts than Hon. George P. Graham. The Herald has claimed that certain firms in Canada secured contracts from the old shell committee at grossly inflated prices, prices which constituted robbery of the public and a menace to the Empire in time of peril. Mr. Graham should know who these firms are and the profits they made. Why does he not come down to facts and say just what he means?

The Toronto Globe, machine Liberal organ though it is, is more frank and not long ago drew particular attention to the profits alleged to have been derived from the manufacture of shells by the Canada Foundries and Forging Company. The Globe quoted a new York authority to the effect that these profits ran to \$1,800,000 per year which, after taking care of fixed charges, would pay more than 150 per cent. per annum on outstanding common stock. Does Hon. Mr. Graham agree that the profits of the Canada Foundries and Forging Company were too high? If so why has he not investigated the affairs of that firm and given the public the information so gained? Can there be any possible connection between his silence as regards this company and the fact that he is a director of it?

Reference to the list of directors of the company referred to will show

Hon. George P. Graham as one of the twelve gentlemen entrusted with the conduct of its affairs, and if he desired to do so he could probably enlighten the people as to the methods by which his company earned 150 per cent. profit. His evidence should prove particularly illuminating to the Montreal Herald, the Telegraph's latest authority on "shell grafts," for, at the head of the editorial column of that newspaper, there daily appears the following inscription:

"The Montreal Herald and Daily Telegraph is published every week day afternoon by The Herald Company, Limited, from the Herald Building, 275 Craig street west, Montreal. The Hon. George P. Graham, President."

The situation thus simplifies itself greatly. If the Telegraph believes all shell contracts were obtained at excessive prices it can obtain the information first hand from Mr. George McAvity, one of its owners. If the Montreal Herald is equally anxious Hon. George P. Graham can supply from his own company's books all the facts desired. Until those newspapers pursue this very obvious course suggested it is as well that they should stop their "four-flushing."

MR. CARVELL AND THE FREE PRESS.

By its fearless denunciation of the unparliamentary tactics of Messrs. Wm. Pugsley and Frank B. Carvell, the Ottawa Free Press, chief Liberal organ in the Dominion capital, has fallen under the severe displeasure of the cheaper newspapers representing the graft wing of the Grit party.

For this reason it is that the opinions of the Free Press no longer find acceptance with the editor of the Telegraph. The Free Press will probably survive the shock but it is unfair to the Telegraph's readers that while that newspaper persists in claiming Dominion-wide laurels for Mr. Carvell it fails to publish what a really representative, non-boss office, Liberal newspaper has to say about him. Here, for instance, is the eulogy the Liberal Free Press pronounced upon Mr. Carvell following his speech of Wednesday last:

"The speech of Mr. Carvell was of the kind which in recent years have become a habit with him. 'We are not making charges against the Government,' he said, adding, 'No one is saying either that any member of the Shell Committee stole anything.' Yet, in the next breath, he made the amazing assertion that 'the whole trend of the Prime Minister's speech had been that the prime object of the Shell Committee was the distribution of patronage,' and that 'the members of the Shell Committee had placed enormous orders with themselves at exorbitant prices, and to keep the prices up for themselves they had to give these same prices to all other companies which got contracts.'"

"Mr. Carvell has become a past master in the art of using half truths to make them appear as gospel; but this game, when long continued, grows tiresome, and achieves its own undoing. A comparison of the speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Carvell on the same day tempts one to remark that 'fools step in where angels fear to tread.' If indulgence in recklessness and irresponsible condemnation of opponents is an essential to political partisanship, there are not wanting tens of thousands of Canadians, especially just now, who will pray to be freed from political partisanship. Liberalism as expounded by a Carvell is indeed a fearsome thing."

The righteous and truthful Telegraph does not dare to publish such matter as the foregoing but prefers to hold up the member for Carleton as a high priest of the Liberal party. As a matter of fact Mr. Carvell has forfeited the respect and support of decent Liberals for, as the Free Press so expresses it, "Liberalism as expounded by a Carvell is a fearsome thing."

It is only necessary to add that the Ottawa Free Press was a consistent advocate of Liberalism when the glib chameleon editors in Cantonbury street were damning Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and all their works.

Liberal newspapers that are crying for a connection for St. John with the National Transcontinental Railway conveniently forget that if Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and other New Brunswick Liberals had done their duty when the "White Elephant" road was being routed, this port would have been

on the main line. The authorities at that day at Ottawa, however, harked to the voice of Mr. Fielding and "the solid eighteen" from Nova Scotia.

Last night's war despatches indicated that all is not well with the Germans on the western battle front. A reported request to Bulgaria to send men to that area of fighting met with a refusal. If Roumania should decide to come in with the Entente Powers the government at Sofia will find they have all they can attend to in their own "front yard."

The campaign for men to fill the ranks of the 15th Battalion goes steadily on. Yesterday's return of twenty-one enlistments is a good showing but not any better than should be made every day in a community which claims first rights to the title of "The City of the Loyalists."

Yesterday's election result in Fredericton was not so much a victory for Mayor Mitchell as a decided triumph for the forces of prohibition which made his fight their own.

## From the Boys of the 55th

The following verses were written by Pte. J. W. Beattie of West St. John:

The sky was dark and cloudy.  
The ground was cold and damp.  
When on October thirtieth,  
We left Valcartier Camp.

But all the boys were happy  
As we marched along the way,  
For we were going overseas  
That cold October day.

We landed soon in old Quebec  
Of Wolfe's heroic fame,  
A steamer lay awaiting us  
The "Corcoran" by name.

To bear us o'er the ocean wide  
To do our bit or die,  
We'll help to drive the Germans back  
Or know the reason why.

Our band played "Till we meet again."  
We swung away from shore  
And said "Good bye" to Canada  
Which we may see no more.

We hope to all return again  
When'er the war is through  
And you'll find the good old 55th  
To England's flag was true.

Old Father Neptune seemed to know  
We'd never "crossed the line"  
For the ocean was untroubled  
And the days were clear and fine.

We were sorry when we left the ship,  
We liked it through and through,  
We had all we cared to eat and drink  
And nothing much to do.

November ninth we disembarked  
At good old Plymouth town,  
Then took the train to Bramshott  
Camp.

Where we are settled down.  
To finish up our training  
And prepare for the fight  
When the fifth will battle  
For the cause they know is right.

We have all been up to London  
When we wished to be  
And we found a hearty welcome  
For the boys who crossed the sea.

Our officers are gentlemen,  
They show it night and noon,  
But Lieut. Cor's the favorite  
Of old fifteen platoon.  
—Pte. J. W. Beattie, No. 445749,  
15th Platoon, D. Co., 55th Bn.,  
Bramshott Camp, Liphook, Hants Co., England.

## YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS

Yesterday was spent by the men of 15th in routine work. Eighteen men were taken on strength. Today the orderly officer will be Lieut. A. Turner and the morning will be spent in the usual drill. In the afternoon a route march will be held. The official strength of the battalion is now 894.

Yesterday was spent by the men of

## Suffered No End of Pain FROM BACKACHES.

If a pain attacks you in the back you should stop and think what it is and what causes it.

If the kidneys are at fault—and in nine cases out of every ten they are—you should attend to them as once, so it is impossible to have a well, strong back unless the kidneys are performing their functions in a proper manner.

Anyone with a bad back should appreciate how to get a good one. It is a very simple matter. Use Doan's Kidney Pills. They regulate the kidneys, and there is no further excuse for any kidney trouble to exist.

Mrs. E. J. Graves, Oshawa, Ont., writes: "My complaint lies with my kidneys. I have suffered no end of pain with them, and with backaches. I had tried everything, so I thought, until a friend advised me to try a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. I did try them, and one box helped me fine, so I got another, and now feel that I cannot recommend them too highly to anyone suffering with kidney trouble."

Doan's Kidney Pills are 50c per box, 3 boxes for \$1.35 at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The J. M. Doan Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

## Little Benny's Note Book

The Park Ave. News.

Pop was looking at the paper last nite, and he sed, This awtomobile show apparently is going to be quite a big thing. And he kupp awn reading about it in the paper, and then he sed, And wait more, I've got half a mind to go down and take it in one of the nites, in fact, I've got 3 quarters of a mind to.

O farthir, are you reely thinking of getting a car, sed my sister Gladdis.

Sertany hes not, how reedickilise, sed ma.

Who sen im not, sed pop.

Wy, Wilyum, you dont reely mean to say your axully thinking of buying one, sed ma.

Wy dont I, sed pop.

Do you, sed ma.

I dont say I do, but wy dont I, sed pop.

O, farthir, how luvly, sed Gladdis.

Hurry, we're going to get a awtomobile, I sed.

Dont jump at conclusions, they've got spikes in them, sed pop.

I always thawt it woud be splendif to have a car, wat kind are we going to get, Wilyum, sed ma.

Hay, look heer, have a hart, cant a man open his mouth without having the entire family above a awtomobile into it, sed pop.

Whatever kind you get, get a red one, sed Gladdis.

I like gray, myself, personally, sed ma.

Who started this, sed pop.

Can I blow the horn wile your driving it, pop, I sed.

Shut up or get out of it alltogether, sed Gladdis.

I think its a very senserbil idee, sed ma.

Im going out for a wawk before I get a punkshure, sed pop.

Wich he did.

O, pop, you promised, I sed.

O, farthir, arent you reely serious, sed Gladdis.

Didnt you mean it, Wilyum, sed ma.

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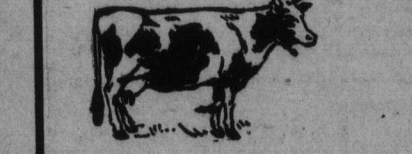
## OUR COMPETITION For Boys and Can You Find Names

This competition is not difficult. In each the name of a tree—all well known trees. Some name are to be found in one word and the remainder, the letters running on in proper order. Example: "Her father was a butcher, Ryder was last four letters in "butcher" and the first two "cherry." This is the name of the tree means the following:

1. She wore a lovely bon, khaki was the
2. Before he boarded the vessel many f
3. She smiled up in envelopes all the pr
4. Adjusting his skates he took to the i
5. It was a strong box made entirely of
6. There's not a land on this world (Let none gainsay these words from Like Canada, the land I love, Where plenty reigns, and all are fro
7. He had always enjoyed good health, carelessness in diet.
8. The loud cries of the babe echoed th
9. To the two kiddies who send in the most ten results, I shall award a beautiful story 4 reach this office by Wednesday, 22nd March, usual coupon, and addressed to

whose decision must be considered as final.

## Drawing and Painting



Above are shown sketches of four animals who can paint or draw them best I shall award

No boy or girl must be more than fifteen entries must reach this office by Wednesday, 22nd March, usual coupon, filled in, and addressed to

whose decision must be considered as final.

STANDARD COMPETITION For Boys and Girls

Full Name.....

Address.....

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