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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.

## CANADA AND THE MOTHERLAND. THE GRITS AND CONSCRIPTION.

The new relation in which Canada will stand toward the Motherland was well set out by Sir Robert Borden in his address to the House of Commons on Friday. The Imperial War Cabinet, which the Dominion was ably represented in London, recently, is to assemble annually and the statesmen of the Overseas Dominions are to have a full share in the development of the foreign policy of the Empire. The acceptance of that relation on the part of Canada and the other sister nations must, however, be purely voluntary, for nowhere in England is there manifestation of wish or desire to interfere in the least degree with the complete autonomy of any of the Dominions.

A closer connection between Canada and the Motherland was fore-shadowed in Parliament by Sir Robert Borden on the occasion of his introduction of the naval aid bill. He then predicted that Canada would continue to exercise a larger voice in Imperial affairs. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other Liberals objected to the idea, fearing that a closer relation might tend to undermine Canadian autonomy. This fear had no basis. The British Government is content that Canada shall always work out her own problems in her own way, but in recognition of the splendid share Canadians have borne in the world war the Government of the Mother Nation is more than willing that the Overseas Dominions shall have full voice in all matters of Imperial policy. In future the Empire will execute no treaty until Canada is consulted. There will be no war until the Dominions have placed upon it the seal of their approval, and have pledged their co-operation.

The projected relation will bring to Canada and Canadians an added advantage and distinction, and from the proposed Inter-Empire commercial preference will come many tangible concessions that must prove of inestimable value to the industry and commerce of this Dominion.

The great war has made heavy demands on Canada but these demands have been nobly met. It is likely to result in a more rapid development of the highest ideal of an Imperial Federation than could be achieved in half a century of peace. After this conflict has passed into history Canada will stand in a new relation to the Motherland. And there will be no sacrifice or surrender of Canadian autonomy.

## THE CONSCRIPTION MEASURE.

Conscription in Canada is to be applied on the same lines as in England and it is not anticipated that any industry essential to the prosecution of the war, or the development of the country will suffer by the removing of our surplus male population for service in khaki.

There are in Canada between 55,000 and 60,000 males between the ages of eighteen and forty who have no dependents and who are not engaged in essential employment. These will be taken first insofar as they are physically fit. Local boards will be created throughout the Dominion before which all males between the ages mentioned must enroll. Then the selection will be made and the men first taken will be those who can most easily be spared. That is eminently the fairest and most business-like system, even though it may lack some of the fancied advantages of voluntary enlistment.

Under a voluntary system only the men who felt the call of duty donned the khaki. The others, the billiard hall habitués, the amusement house patrons, the corner loafers and the drawing room artists, were content to pursue their even course undisturbed by the thought that better men were bearing their burdens while they were reaping the temporary benefits of civil life in non-essential employment. Now these life-eager gentlemen will be made to serve with the others, will be forced to do what they should have done of their own volition.

There will be no injustice to any man. It is not the purpose of the measure to drag into uniform any man who is doing a more useful work of civil life. It is not intended to rob women and children of their breadwinners. But it will bring home to every one a deep realization of the fact that this war is their affair, that they are as vitally concerned in its outcome as those who have borne the brunt of it for the past two years. That is the fair part of the plan. The man of value to Canada will be protected. The slacker will be compelled to "do his bit."

## ALREADY SOME LIBERAL NEWSPAPERS

have "evidenced all leadership" on the part of the Borden Government, are preparing to grade the conscription measure. They probably will not go to the length of openly declaring against the proposal, but they are trying to create the impression that what they term "conscription of wealth" is more necessary than conscription of men. That is not the fact. Canada has been able to secure all the money required for her war expenditures and the last budget showed that her expenses for other purposes were so far inside the mark of her receipts that \$60,000,000 could be carried over to the war funds. A people who will respond as readily as Canadians have responded to the call for funds with which to pay war expenses do not require to have their wealth taken from them by force. To intimate that such is the case is only childish subterfuge to evade the real issue.

The need of the hour is men. Men for the armies, men for the fields, men for the mines and essential industries of Canada and it is this need the Government has set out to supply. Men will not be taken from the farms, or the mines, or the munition plants, or the other industries essential to the prosperity and well-being of the nation.

The conscription proposal of the Liberal party, which is likely to be solidly against a conscriptive measure, is to the effect that F. F. Pardee, chief Liberal whip, has been sent hurrying through Ontario to test opinion. Quebec, as expected, is likely to be solidly against a conscriptive measure. That is Laurier's only stronghold and if, as now seems probable, the Liberal leader opposes conscription when the measure is formally introduced on Friday next, he is likely to find himself without the support of a large proportion of western Liberals, with Ontario, and with only a few of the more hardened Maritime partisans such as Carvell and Kytte, prepared to put their politics ahead of their patriotism.

Meanwhile it is of minor interest to observe that the Telegraph and Times have not made up their minds just where they stand on conscription. The course of those journals, published in the city of the Loyalists, will be watched with some curiosity.

## FOOD WASTAGE.

"The thing that has impressed me most unpleasantly since returning to Canada is the prodigality with which you are wasting food. In England we have been living with tightened belts for months."

This striking statement by Dr. George R. Parkin, Imperial Commissioner of the Rhodes Scholarship Fund, should cause every man and woman who reads it to think seriously whether they are doing their full share to help win this war by helping to preserve the food supply for our boys overseas and for our gallant allies in arms.

Canada has not yet felt the pinch of war except in the way of being forced to pay higher prices for articles of daily use. There has been no acute food shortage. A man can still buy all of any article he can pay for. In different. There, no matter how well lined the family pocketbook may be, a limit is set upon the quantity of foods a householder can purchase and this ensures the widest possible distribution of available stocks.

Although there is no food shortage in Canada yet that is no reason for waste, or prodigal expenditure, even on the part of those who can afford to buy and pay for any article of food they desire, and in any quantity. The old adage that a man is entitled to what he can pay for does not hold good in the face of a national necessity or an emergency present or prospective. Economy is always commendable and at no time more so than the present.

Let Canadians remember that while most of them are still living in their accustomed style, and have made no attempt at retrenchment, the whole of Britain is practically on rations. A more general observance of the principle of economy is most desirable in the interests of Canada and of the Empire. Surely it is not too much to ask that while our sons and brothers are fighting our battles abroad we, at home, shall do our utmost to "carry on" to the limit of our ability.

## MARY ATTEND MT. ALLISON EXERCISES

"Pygmalion and Galatea" Admirably Presented Saturday Evening.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR COLLEGE HEROES

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## Special to The Standard.

Sackville, May 20.—Mount Allison closing exercises began most auspiciously Friday night with a reception in the Owen's Art Building. The attendance of students and friends of the institution was large. A good programme by students and the Sackville Citizens band was successfully carried out. Saturday afternoon the junior recital was given in Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall, the students acquitting themselves most admirably. The event of the day and perhaps the biggest thing in connection with the anniversary exercises for the year was the presentation of the Greek drama Pygmalion and Galatea by eight young lady students of the Mount Allison oratory department and the rendition of the soothing Greek musical pastoral composed by Prof. Fritz Read, head of Mount Allison Conservatory of Music. The programme was of exceptional interest and merit, being listened to with keen attention by a very large audience. The splendid work of the oratory students and the magnificent rendering of the pastoral elicited warm words of praise and appreciation from hundreds of visitors present.

## Memorial Service.

This morning a memorial service for Mount Allison men who have fallen in the war was held in the Sackville Methodist church. Twenty-eight Mount Allison men have made the supreme sacrifice. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Borden, president of the University; Dr. J. M. McInnes, principal of the Academy, and Lieut. George R. McCord, who is home on leave after more than two years at the front. Tonight's annual baccalaureate service was held in the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall. The heads of the institutions, members of the faculty and students, marched in the procession to the hall where an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. E. B. Moore of Halifax. Exceptionally good music was furnished by the choral class and orchestra under the direction of Prof. Fritz Read. Occupying front seats tonight were twenty members of this year's student body, who recently took part in the annual leave to uphold the honor of old Mount Allison on the western front.

Among the visitors who have so far arrived are the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Macdon, Mrs. Charles Huestis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ellis, Rev. Dr. Steel, Mrs. W. G. Matthews, Mrs. Melrose, Miss A. Wilson, Miss Mollie Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. St. John, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray, Miss Elizabeth Mosher, Mrs. Roy Sumner, Miss Marjorie Robinson, Miss Marjorie McCarthy, Moncton; Mrs. Roderick McDonald, Mrs. McInnes, Miss Marjorie Symonds, Halifax; Mrs. Ross, Fredericton; Mrs. Barnes, St. John; Mrs. Church, Moncton; Rev. Dr. Borden, St. John; College, St. John's, Nfld.; Mrs. Thos. Howett, Windsor; Mrs. Stanley Skene, Granville Ferry; Mrs. Smith, West Summerville; Rev. W. J. Parker, St. John; Mr. Parker, Atlantic Hotel; Mrs. J. S. Hinton, Summerside, P.E.I.; Mrs. Crisby, Cape Traverse; Miss Hazel Gray, Amherst; Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Hillsboro.

## HARCOURT

Harcourt, May 18.—Mrs. William Rice, who has been spending the past eight months with her mother, Mrs. John Rice, and other relatives throughout the province, left on Wednesday's Ocean Limited for her home in Winnipeg.

Mr. G. H. Allan of Dalhousie Jct., passed through the city on Friday on his way to Moncton.

Friends of Sergt. James Cameron will be glad to hear that he is speedily recovering from the effects of gunshot wounds received a few weeks ago while on the firing line in France.

Mr. Burgess is acting as relieving operator in the absence of Mr. Ward. Rev. Father Bourgeois, of Adamsville was in town on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Stebbins is spending a few days at her home in Sackville. P. C. Cormier and Sergt. Robt. Cormier were visitors in St. John last week.

Mrs. Egbert Atkinson, who has been spending the past week with relatives in the village, returned on Wednesday to Rexton.

Mrs. David Scott returned last week from Moncton.

Emerson Glen of Moncton spent the weekend in the village.

Mr. F. Lamkey has gone to Athol to work for the Slives Lumber Co. there. Rev. Chas. Stebbins was a visitor in Sackville last week.

Among the visitors to Moncton last week were Mrs. J. A. Walter, Mrs. H. G. Fairbanks, Miss Margaret Walter, Miss Jennie Waiten, S. M. Dunn, and Rev. L. R. D. Mrs. MacKay.

A. H. Ingram and little son, Robert, of Campbellton, spent Wednesday with relatives in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Ward and family are the visitors of Mrs. Ward's mother, Mrs. George Morton. Rev. J. R. MacKay has received a call from the congregation of the Presbyterian church at Tideshead, N.S.

The annual business meeting of the

## Little Benny's Note Book.

The Park Ave. News.

Me and Sid Hunt was setting on my trunk steps, and Sid took a seat out of his pocket and started to throw it up and catch it again just to show he had it, and I took a seat out of my pocket and looked at the data on it just to show him he wasn't the only one with a seat, and he said, Let's bet each other a seat.

All right, what about? I said.

Wish just then his slay cousin Perry started to come up the street, and Sid said, Ill bet you a seat you cant pick a fite with my cousin Perry.

I bet a seat I can, I said.

And Perry came up, saying, Hello, fellows, and I quick jumped up and got in front of him, saying, Wat did you jest call me, wat did you jest call me?

I didnt call you anything, sed Perry.

You did so, you jest called me a slop eater, I sed.

O, I did not, sed Perry.

Yes you did, to, wat do you meen coming erround heer and delibritly calling me a slop eater? I sed.

I did not call you a slop eater, I didnt call you anything, sed Perry.

Wat, do you think Im a liar? I sed.

No, sed Perry, and I sed, Well its either one or the other, you either called me a slop eater or you think Im a liar for saying you did, wich is it?

Neither, sed Perry.

Well then consider yourself insulted, I sed And I quick stamped on his toe all my mite, and he started to wawk up the street crying, saying, Im going to tell on you, you see if I dont.

Give me the sent, sed Sid.

Wich I did.

W. M. S. of the Methodist Church took place at the parsonage on Monday afternoon of last week. The following officers were re-elected—Mrs. R. Atkinson, President; Miss Una Baxter, Secretary; Mrs. J. Beattie, Treasurer and Miss Stebbins was elected Vice-President. The proceeds for the year amounted to \$64.22. Two new members had been added to the roll during the past year. Miss Una Baxter was appointed a delegate to attend the Women's Missionary convention which meets in Fredericton on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June. At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served.

Ottawa, May 17.—The Royal Commission appointed by Hon. T. W. Crothers under the inquiries act to deal with the miners troubles at Sydney Mines, N. S., has met with signal success. Its award has been accepted unanimously by the miners and the operators. The commission, which consists of Justice J. A. Chisholm, John T. Joy, a prominent labor leader, and Rev. Dr. John Forrest, ex-president of Dalhousie University, went to Spryhill today to endeavor to effect a settlement there. An increase in wages varying from five per cent, to fifteen per cent, was awarded the miners at Sydney Mines, the lowest wage being \$2.10 per day. The increase was effected May 17.

## CAMPOBELLO.

Campbellton, May 18.—The death occurred on Friday at Calais, Me., of Mrs. Clara Mitchell, aged 84 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Norman Lank of the Island and Mrs. Thomas Calder of Calais, with whom she lived.

Deceased was born at Lunenburg, where a brother Mr. Meyers still resides. She married and came to the island to live until the death of her husband Mr. Hueston Mitchell about nineteen years ago when she went to live with her daughter.

A social and dance was held in the public hall on Thursday evening the proceeds to be used for patriotic purposes, the amount collected being fifty dollars, about forty dollars being the amount cleared for use. The feature of the occasion was a cake presented to the Society by Huell Hinson of Lunenburg, weighing four and one-eighth pounds, beautifully decorated in Red, White and Blue, with a Red Cross in the centre.

Special to The Standard.

Boston, May 20.—All of the writing paper manufacturers of Holyoke, Springfield, Middletown and vicinity announce a wage advance of ten per cent to take effect July 15. About 10,000 persons will be affected.

Special to The Standard.

Philadelphia, May 20.—Judge Martin of the Common Pleas Court has signed an order authorizing the removal of Harry K. Thaw to the Pennsylvania Hospital for the insane. The action of the court was based on a petition filed by counsel for Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, Thaw's mother.

Special to The Standard.

Hampton, May 20.—Mary Perry, aged fifteen, Lily Perry, aged thirteen, and Charles H. Perry, aged fifteen, of Perry Settlement, will be given a hearing at Sussex tomorrow on a charge of being implicated in the burning of St. Michael's Roman Catholic

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