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"We are fighting for a worth 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.

### THAT GRAIN ELEVATOR.

How much longer will the people of St. John be content to allow their representatives at City Hall to oppose the Government's proposal for the erection of a grain elevator on the Prince William street site? What other city in Canada would permit a purely local consideration, mixed with some political opposition, to stand in the way of the provision of a \$1,000,000 plant for the handling of additional grain trade which would come to that city if the facilities were there to handle it?

There may be conscientious and sincere objections on the part of some people to the location of the grain elevator but these objections are not the chief ones behind the evident agitation to block the construction. The statement was freely made some time ago that if the site referred to was not settled upon and construction commenced at once the elevator would not be ready for next year's trade. It is doubtful now whether there has not been so much delay that the possibility of having the added facility in time for next season's business is very small. Yet there is congestion next winter, congestion which another elevator might have avoided, or if grain trade has to go elsewhere, because it cannot be accommodated here, the same people who now are blocking the construction of the million dollar plant on the Prince William street site will be the first to inveigh against the Government in general, and Mr. Haasen in particular, for "shameful neglect of St. John."

Mr. Haasen secured the appropriation for the elevator, the Government engineers selected the site. Then, opposition on the part of the Board of Trade Council and a majority of the City Council cropped up and delayed the work. Eventually the Board of Trade Council, with the exception of one man—and that man a very strong Liberal—agreed to the plan. The opposition at City Hall remains and they are members of the City Council who must bear the responsibility if their action deprives St. John of facilities she should have. It is high time the matter was settled.

### THE UNSPEAKABLE HUN.

This war has set a new standard for barbarity. In former years when it was desired to apply a term of contempt to the most barbarous native of Europe he was generally referred to as "the unspeakable Turk." But the conflict against Prussianism has changed all this and the Turk has been robbed by the German of his unenviable distinction. At least that is the opinion of the Australian soldiers who participated in the Gallipoli campaign against the Sultan's soldiers and who have recently been transferred to the western lines.

In the current issue of the Round Table, an Australian correspondent tells of an incident which illustrated the bitterness felt by the Australians against the Germans and the respect the men from the Antipodes hold for the Turks as fair fighters and sportsmen. When the British were about to evacuate Gallipoli an Australian brigadier left in his hut the following note for the Turkish commander, who would probably be the first to visit his quarters:

"The brigadier presents his compliments to our worthy Turkish opponents, and offers those who first honor his quarters with their presence such poor hospitality as is in his power to give, regretting that he is unable personally to welcome them. In bidding an revoir to our honorable foes, we Australians desire to express appreciation of the fine soldierly qualities of our Turkish opponents and the sportsmanlike manner in which they have participated in a contest honorable, we trust, to both sides. We hope you will find the wine, coffee, tobacco, cigarettes and food to your taste, and a supply of fuel has been left in the cupboard to ameliorate in some measure your discomfort during the cold watches of the winter. Our only request is that no member of the nation which was guilty of the inhuman murder of that noble woman, Miss Edith Cavell, to whose portrait this message is attached, will be permitted to pollute with his presence the quarters of soldiers who have

### never descended to such barbarous methods."

That the Australian officer's biting communication was not induced by any personal ill-treatment suffered at the hands of the Hun is evident from the fact that, at the time of writing, his men had encountered only Turkish soldiers. But they had been embittered against Prussians and Prussianism by the fate of Edith Cavell, the Lusitania tragedy and other outrages which demonstrated the right of the Prussian to the title of the most inhuman of men. And that contempt and hatred will remain long after the last shot has been fired and the signatures appended to the treaties of peace.

Not only will Germany be soundly beaten in war but she will be ostracized in peace and all because those in authority at Potsdam decreed that human conventions and sentiments, standards of honor and manhood should be subordinated to the Prussian greed for military gain. Germany stands before the world the object of hatred and contempt, forever a dishonored and discredited nation.

### WILHELM'S PROCLAMATION.

A proclamation recently issued by the Kaiser to the German forces on land and sea explains to all and sundry that "the strength and will of the enemy are not yet broken." His statement is quite right, as far as it goes, but he might truthfully have gone much further.

The whole tone of his message, however, differs strikingly from his utterances of a year or so ago when he was sure of victory and was debating with himself what additions to his empire and what indemnities he would demand as the price of readmitting the rest of the world to his royal favor. Now he warns his people that they must continue the severe struggle if they are to achieve safety for their country. He talks no more of conquests.

But it makes no difference. The end, though it may be long in coming, is sure. It is heralded by the Russian guns on the Stokhod river, by the ever-increasing roll of surrendered Austrians, by the preparations for the occupation of Lemberg. In the west the Allied lines along the Somme push forward, slowly it may be, but none the less inexorably and without letting go any of their hard-won gains. The attack upon Verdun has ceased, which is in itself a confession that German strength is ebbing.

### NEWS LETTER ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Q., Aug. 7.—Today's market was similar to what we had last week. The turnover was very small and certain issues showed small declines from the previous close. There is little interest taken in the market and it looks as if the dullness would continue throughout the week.  
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### The Police Court.

In the police court yesterday James Odell, arrested on a number of charges, was remanded to jail. Walter Dryden, for not giving a satisfactory account of himself, was allowed to return to Sussex. Two Polish youths, charged with lying and lurking in the Government Railway yards, stated to the court that they were running away from their home in Halifax. They were sent back to Halifax. After some evidence was taken in a preliminary hearing in the case where Havelock Skipton is charged with attempting to kill himself by hanging, the matter was adjourned until today.

## ST. JOHN FIRST IN RECRUITING WITH 51 MEN

Total Signed on Throughout the Province was One Hundred and Nineteen.

### HOME SERVICE MOST POPULAR BRANCH

Not a Man from Albert, Gloucester, Kent or Wes morland—York in Second Place.

Not one single man was recruited in the counties of Albert, Gloucester, Kent and Westmorland last week. Home service seems to be the most popular branch of the army at the present. About fifty applied last week for this unit but only forty-five were accepted.

St. John carried off first honors for the week ending August 5th, contributing nearly twice as many as any other county. The tabulated list from the chief recruiting officer for New Brunswick, Major L. P. D. Tilley, follows:

St. John	51
For Home Service	22
55th Howitzer Battery	1
140th Battalion	1
236th Battalion	1
9th Siege Battery	10
Field Ambulance Train	11
No. 1 Construction Battalion	5
—	—
York	13
For 236th Battalion	13
Army Medical Corps	4
Field Ambulance Train	2
Canadian Army Dental Corps	1
No. 2 Construction Battalion	1
Home Service	1
—	—
Queens and Sunbury	3
For Field Ambulance Train	4
236th Battalion	2
Home Service	3
—	—
Charlotte	1
For 237th Battalion	1
Field Ambulance Train	1
Mechanical Transport	2
Home Service	4
—	—
Northumberland	4
For 236th Battalion	1
132nd Battalion	1
Home Service	4
—	—
Restigouche	5
For Home Service	5
—	—
Kings	3
For 238th Battalion	3
No. 1 Construction Battalion	1
No. 9 Siege Battery	1
—	—
Carlton	5
For 65th Field Battery	1
Home Service	4
—	—
Victoria	1
For 65th Field Battery	1
Home Service	2
—	—
Mada-waska	3
For Home Service	1
Albert	1
Gloucester	1
Kent	0
Westmorland	0
Total	113

L. P. D. TILLEY, Major, Chief Recruiting Officer for N. B.

## 140TH BAND GAVE DELIGHT TO BIG CROWD

The only thing regretted by the hundreds of citizens on the King square last night was the weather, but the large crowd that gathered around the King Edward bandstand was delighted by the excellent programme of music furnished by the regimental band of the 140th Battalion, under the leadership of Bandmaster Charles H. Williams. A musical critic, who is fond of band music, and who was one of those who paid close attention to last night's concert, remarked that he had paid strict attention to all the military bands that have performed in St. John since the commencement of the war, but there was none that pleased him more than the 140th organization. The band is evenly balanced, the tone can hardly be improved on, and the mastery manner in which the most difficult selections were executed, could only be accomplished by artists. Bandmaster Williams is certainly surrounded by a body of men that he should be proud of, and the manner in which the selections were rendered shows that each and every bandman is a master on his chosen instrument.

While the 140th is not so large in numbers as the majority of regimental bands attached to Canadian regiments, the music furnished by them is equally as good as the best of the larger bands, and a great deal better than many others.

When it is taken into consideration that this band has been organized but a comparatively short time, it is wonderful how well they are advanced and shows that their excellence is only due to hard and careful study under a first class instructor. The

## Little Benny's Note Book

We had company for supper yesterday, being Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, which before they came had to see me. Now, Benny, I don't know whether I have any more than enough ice cream, so whatever you do, don't ask for a second block.

Wy, how many have you got? I sed.

Never mind the details, you herd wat I told you, didnt you? sed me.

Yes mam, I sed. And wen Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins came we started to eat supper, and I was redy for my disbert before anybody else, wich I almost genarely am, and ma gave me a ice cream block, having 3 kinds in it and tatsting pritty good all rite, and I started to eat it pritty fast and finished eating it pritty slow, and I ate the last spoonfull and then I sed, Well, my ice cream all gone.

Wat sits can I help you to, Mrs. Wilkins sed ma.

There was chookit and lomain and petch in it, three kinds, I sed.

How about you, Mr. Wilkins? sed ma.

Forst I ate the chookit, and then I ate the petch, they was on the ends, I sed.

Now, Mr. Wilkins, Im sure you'll have another slice of this meet, sed ma.

And then I ate the lemmin, I sed.

Did you ever see anything like this change in the weather? sed ma.

Isent it remarkable, sed Mr. Wilkins.

If I had another block I think Id start with the lemmin, I sed.

Any, are you throo? sed ma.

Ive ate all my ice cream, I sed. Not saying weather I was throo or not.

Then Im sure Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins will excuse you, sed ma.

Most assuranty, sed Mr. Wilkins, and Mrs. Wilkins sed, Go out and play, Benny, don't stay on our account.

And I got up and went out without saying wat account I was staying on. Proving if a persin don't want to take a hint you mite as well not hint.

140th bandmaster comes from a musical family and received his early training from his late father, Bandmaster Charles Williams, an instructor all his lifetime, having in his younger days been in charge of military bands in the imperial service, and for a great many years, while located in St. John, was instructor of the very best musical organizations in the city, including the Williams Concert Band, which, while it was in existence, was rated as one of the best concert bands ever heard in the lower provinces.

When there was a call for recruits for a regimental band for the 140th regiment, Bandmaster Charles H. Williams, now instructor of the band which delighted the large audience last night, was teaching the members of the St. Mary's band, and with a large number of the St. Mary's members enlisted in a body. These were added to by other bandmen from different parts of the province, with the result that now the 140th band is rated as the best in Camp Valcartier.

When the band was first organized they used the instrument of the old 62nd regiment, and the bandmen are now delighted with the new set of instruments supplied to them through Brunswick Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, and The Standard.

One to hear the 140th perform at the present time with their new instruments would hardly believe that it was the same organization that only a few months ago was stationed in St. John, as the improvement has been wonderful. Col. Beer, his officers and men have just reason to be proud of the band.

It will not be a great while before the 140th Battalion goes overseas, and Col. Beer kindly granted the members of the band and others of the battalion passed to enable them to go home for a few days to bid farewell to their families and friends. The news that the band was returning to St. John, if only for a few days, was received with much pleasure by the citizens, and although the bandmen only arrived in the city yesterday morning, they thought the best manner in which they could take a farewell concert, and this was greatly appreciated by the large audience on the square last night.

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