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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.

MR. CANNON'S SPEECH.

Despite the attempt of the Telegraph, assisted by the Toronto Globe, to read Mr. Cannon, the Laurier candidate in Dorchester, Quebec, out of the Liberal party, Mr. Cannon himself has no doubt where he stands.

It might have been expected, after his treasonable declaration on Thursday night last opposing further assistance from Canada to the wars of the Empire, that Mr. Cannon would be more discreet in his utterances, but apparently he is so sure of his ground that he is still prepared to boast about it. Speaking on Friday in reference to his statement of the previous day he said:

"WHAT I SAID AT ST. PROSPER LAST NIGHT, I WILL SAY HERE OR ELSEWHERE. I ONLY GIVE THE IDEAS OF MY PARTY. IN THIS CONTEST I RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER AND SIR LOMER GOUIN. I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME OF LAURIER."

No matter what the Telegraph or the Toronto Globe may say the people of the English speaking provinces will hold Sir Wilfrid Laurier absolutely responsible for the utterances of his French-Canadian protegee and his endorsed candidate. If Mr. Cannon was an irresponsible fly-by-night, or an itinerant spell-binder, engaged by the Liberal party to talk to the electors for a daily wage, he could be dispensed with, but he is none of these things. He is a responsible Liberal of standing in the province of Quebec, and a member of the Quebec legislature. Moreover, he is a lawyer of ability, one given to carefully weighing his words. He is a member of the firm of Fitzpatrick, Taschereau, Parent, Roy and Cannon, barristers, and the head of that firm is Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, deputy Governor-General of Canada, and Chief Justice of the Canadian Supreme Court. Another member of the firm is Attorney-General of the Province of Quebec, What Mr. Cannon said, therefore, he said with a full realization of his responsibility both as a Liberal and a French-Canadian citizen.

The leader of the opposition must speak plainly on this matter. If he verbally disapproves of Mr. Cannon and still permits him to continue as the Liberal candidate in Dorchester, the English Liberals will not be satisfied. Sir Wilfrid must make a definite choice. Racial canvasses and appeals are always deplorable, but Mr. Cannon appealing "in the name of Laurier" has definitely advised his French-Canadian audiences in Dorchester county that he is not in favor of the war policy of the Borden Government and his belief that Canada has done enough for England. Sir Wilfrid must choose between that sort of thing and the respect and support of the thousands of loyal Liberals in the English provinces of Canada, and he must choose at once.

THE TELEGRAPH AND MR. CANNON.

The case of Mr. Cannon, the Laurier candidate in Dorchester, Quebec, has placed the editor of the Telegraph in a delicate position. He cannot endorse Mr. Cannon's opinion that Canada has already done enough for England, because to do so would arouse the disapproval of loyal Liberals of this province who, in common with New Brunswick Conservatives, have cheerfully made every sacrifice demanded of them by the fact that Canada is at war. He cannot openly repudiate Cannon because the Liberal leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by whose authority Cannon speaks, has not repudiated him. Consequently he resorts to the somewhat doubtful argument that Mr. Cannon is no worse than Mr. Blondin or Mr. Sevigny, both of whom in the past are said to have made statements they would not repeat today.

The Telegraph forgets that conditions today are vastly different from what they were when Mr. Blondin was alleged to have made his reference to the necessity for perforating the British flag, or when Mr. Sevigny was supposed to have spoken against participation in British wars. With changed conditions those gentlemen have had a change of heart and they admit it. They do not deny that once they

said things they are today ashamed of, or that they would not repeat. In fact the chief charge which Mr. Cannon and the Telegraph level against the gentlemen named is that they have recanted on their earlier teachings and from Nationalists have become loyal Conservatives using their every effort in support of the war and of Canadian participation therein. Then, why condemn them for their conversion?

Conversion, or change of heart, is not altogether unknown either in Canadian politics or Canadian journalism. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was once an outspoken in his hostility to Great Britain as his lieutenant, Cannon, is today, yet it is said Sir Wilfrid recanted and, to quote the Telegraph, is today a Simon-pure patriot. Is he to be judged today by his speeches of years ago when his blood was hot, before his locks had silvered and before mellowing time had changed his opinions on many matters of political concern? Mr. Pugsley, too, has seen a change of heart and faith. Once he was a wicked, ramping Tory; again he was determined to cut loose from the trammels of party affiliation, and as an independent sought the suffrages of the people—with disastrous results. Then he entered the Liberal field and rose to a prominent position by the favor of the leader he once attacked, Is Mr. Pugsley less a Liberal today because he once was a Conservative, or later an independent? Is his conversion to be regarded as insincere or, if sincere, is he to be judged now by the statements he made when he trimmed his sails to catch a different wind?

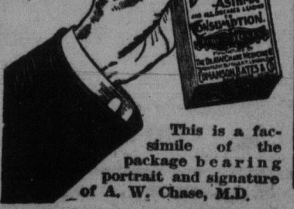
Even in the sacred precincts of the Telegraph editor's sanctum such changes are not unknown. Once the present editor damned the wicked Grits with the same ferocity he now turns against the Tories. But he had a change of heart, synchronizing with a change of employer. Is he less servicable today because of the things he wrote years ago, or is he still to be judged by them? Is the editor of the Telegraph to be blamed today because he will not write the same sort of editorials he wrote when his pay envelope came from a different hand? Or is he to be given the credit for a change of heart, the adoption of a new viewpoint? And if he seeks this consideration for himself and for the political gentlemen he now supports, why does he refuse it to Messrs. Blondin or Sevigny?

Mr. Cannon, however, speaks in the present. He made his dastardly statement after Canada had engaged in war and after thousands of young Canadians had donned the khaki and had gone to the front to fight the fight he disapproves. And he has not recanted. No later than last Friday he said he was prepared to repeat his statements at any other time or place and that in making them he spoke as the candidate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Telegraph cannot get away from it. The Liberal candidate in Dorchester appealed to his audience on a platform which disapproved of further expenditures of men and money to help England. And, as he, himself, said: "I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME OF LAURIER." Something better than the "tu quoque" argument is needed to satisfy the people that Cannon's opinion does not represent the French-Canadian Liberalism of today, the spirit of racialism by appealing to which Sir Wilfrid Laurier hopes to

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ONE LANDLORD'S CASE.

There is a man in St. John who is so fortunate as to own several dwelling houses from which he derives a good net revenue in rentals. This year he has announced his intention of increasing the rents on his tenants in an amount sufficient to meet his taxes and his patriotic assessment. Possibly, it has not occurred to that gentleman that his tenants also will be called upon to pay increased taxes and an assessment for the Patriotic Fund, or that they have no right to pay his taxes in addition to their own. That landlord is reaping the benefit of the protection accorded to all Canadians by reason of our membership in the British Empire. He is liable for his share of the cost of such protection and the most he is likely to be called upon to contribute as his quota is a very small one compared to that borne by those who are in uniform prepared, if necessary, to make the supreme sacrifice for the Empire and for Canada. Yet he has made the brazen proposition that his tenants shall pay what is rightfully his just due. If that man were in Germany he would be speedily and effectively dealt with. There are some things they handle more effectively in Germany than in Canada.

OUR WRONGED OFFENDERS.
With Slight Revisions.
Published in the St. John Evening Gazette, July, 1904.
It reminds of Russian thraldom St. John's Victoria Street.
So typical of Beardon this breaking stone relief.
Hitcher luckless "Sons of Bacchus", from and to the jail.
Wrist-manacled and guarded, deport their dinner-pail.

Who in default through getting jolly, though guiltless of a crime,
To expiate their folly must forfeit home and time
And go shackled and paraded, filed in double line,
To break, pick and shovel penally paying the fine.

An infliction not the Court's, as the Law must be obeyed,
'Tis theirs the (1) "Fathers" who voted for parade;
An old time (2) debasement rescinded years ago
For (3) "Honest Abe's" (4) replacement through (5) Dixie's overthrow.

Yet despite her subjugation, even here is exercised
That shameful degradation which Lincoln bath revised,
Depriving penitents of earnings their dependents needs require
When in spite of Common Council, (6) the laborer's worthy of his hire.

(1) City Fathers.
(2) Slavery.
(3) Abraham Lincoln.
(4) Emancipation.
(5) The South.
(6) St. Luke 10th Chap. 1th verse.
"For the laborer is worthy of his hire."
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THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Weather. All rise if it snows, if it does rain.
Sports. A snow ball fight was held between the Park Ave. fellows and the 13th Street fellows last Saturday, ending when a man that was watching and laughing suddenly got axidently hit in the eye by one, which made him stop acting like a neutral and go away and come back with a pieceman.

Fire. A unknown colored boy set fire to 3 rolled up newspapers in the alley last Thursday, but hardly any damage was did on account of the quick arrival of Engine Company Number 1, consisting of Benny Potts, Artie Alexander, Fude Stinkins and Ed Wernick, which bravely put out the fire by the use of their feet alone.

Short Story
The Mysterious Stranger
Hay, have you got change of a dime? and the mysterious stranger.
Serenity.
O, G, I cant find the dime, do you care if I keep the change? Enbbody catches me has got to be pritty good of a runner.
Stop thief! Stop thief!
A old bicycle tire for sale cheap, 3 cents or less. See Ed Wernick.

Lost and Found Department. Lost—A paper containing 5 arithmetic examples did for homework. If the finder hands it in for his own homework he will be persecuted to the full extent of the law. Return to Algonoon (Sidney) Martin.
Found—Nothing.

CIVIC ESTIMATES UNDER DISCUSSION

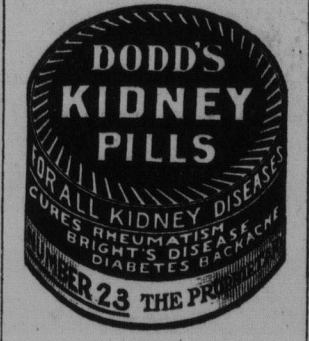
Informally Talked Over by Members of Board of Trade and City Commissioners.

It is understood that a small party consisting of several of the leading members of the Board of Trade and the city commissioners met last night at Bond's for lunch and informally talked over matters connected with the city assessment and the increase therein.

It is believed that all were in favor of reducing the amount of the assessment but nobody seemed to know just how this could be accomplished. One was in favor of cutting the street appropriation, another wanted to cut

the police force down, still another thought expenses were too high in the fire department and one of the number present was frank enough to admit that he did not see how any reduction could be made.

Each department had its defenders among those present who objected to any cut in that particular item and it is thought that no action was taken looking toward reductions.



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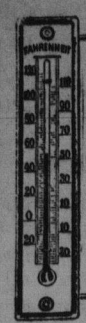
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