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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 Canadian public life?

### CONSCRIPTION IN CANADA.

The Standard would be long sorry to believe that one of the newspapers now engaged in what is evidently an organized campaign to force the Dominion Government to incept a policy of conscription, is actuated by other than the highest patriotic motives. Certainly, in a matter so serious as the securing of men for the Empire's armies, no question of politics should be permitted to exercise the slightest influence. Conscription should be adopted only after the voluntary system has shown to have wholly failed. In this it is but fair to assume that the authorities at Ottawa are, at least, keeping as close an eye on conditions as the editor of any newspaper in the country, even though it be the esteemed Telegraph. Therefore is it not well to leave the matter to the Government? Why try to force Sir Robert Borden's hand?

It is quite evident that those who loudly urge immediate conscription are as yet hardly sure of their ground. Do they honestly believe that the time for such measures has already arrived? Do they realize that it is quite one thing to raise an army and another to equip and arm it? Do they know that all of Britain's great army of five million men has not yet been put in the field? And yet Britain's facility for arming, training and equipping troops is far superior to Canada's.

The gentlemen who so freely criticize the Government in connection with war measures should remember that Canada has never been a military nation and that the problems of this war are entirely new to her and to her rulers. Britain has always maintained an armed strength, comparatively small in numbers but most efficiently armed and equipped. Canada's previous experience in this line has been confined to arming and equipping a voluntary militia which engaged in active training for but a few weeks of each year.

Yet in less than two years under voluntary enlistment this country raised and equipped a force of 335,000 men, and the number is being daily added to. This is equal to practically half the strength of the British army at the outbreak of war. Not a bad showing for a non-military country utterly unused to war.

The Standard does not presume to say that conscription is not just. On the contrary it is unquestionably the fairest method of military service. Under it there is no ground upon which the slacker can be excused and it takes alike from all classes of the community. By the voluntary system the army secures the services of the best and bravest men, consequently the voluntary army is the more desirable as it possesses a native courage and patriotism obviously not to be found in the ranks of the conscripts.

Canada has already done some remarkable things in this war and though recruiting now is slack yet there is no reason to believe that we have come to the end of our volunteers. Conscription, may, eventually, become necessary, but it would occasion very general regret, for if Canada can pass through this war and do her full duty without forcing any man to

don the khaki it will admittedly be a far better showing in the end.

More complete organization of the work of recruiting and the selection of new methods may be necessary, but it will continue to be the opinion of Canadians quite as loyal and as earnest as those now advocating conscription that the premature adoption of compulsion in filling our armies would be an unmerited disgrace.

### IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The result of the elections in Nova Scotia yesterday was admittedly a surprise even to the most ardent supporters of the Murray Government. It was generally expected that the opposition party would make substantial gains and might even overthrow a ministry known to be well entrenched, with an abundant campaign fund and with no outstanding issue before the people, save that of general incompetence. As it is, the opposition will have one less seat in the new house than in the old.

The keenest regret will be felt over the defeat of Opposition Leader C. E. Tanner, who was rejected in his own county. Mr. Tanner was a public man Nova Scotia can ill afford to lose, and it is to be hoped another seat will be found for him.

The campaign was bitterly contested in all seats. The government party was lavish with its use of money and other "persuasive" not generally countenanced. It is also stated that despicable and unfair canvasses were used in constituencies where it was hoped they might have an effect. Possibly the greatest factor in influencing the opinion that the government might be defeated was the result of the bye-elections held since the last general election. Those had shown a growing opposition strength and had led to the belief that the party headed by Mr. Tanner would occupy the treasury benches after yesterday's contest. Apparently, however, these isolated contests were not true indications of the trend of opinion throughout the province, a fact from which New Brunswick Liberals, in view of the recent happenings in Westmorland county, can take very little comfort.

### "THE PORT OF ST. JOHN."

In connection with the discussion of the site for the new Government grain elevator the following from the editorial columns of last evening's Frederickian Gleaner is of interest as illustrating an outside opinion. The Gleaner says:

The political partisans of St. John are again busy endeavoring to make all the trouble possible, this time over the site of the proposed million-bushel grain elevator, the appropriation for which the Hon. J. D. Hazen secured through Parliament at its recent session. A few months ago the local partisans were setting up that the interests of the port of St. John were being neglected. They could not see the old-fashioned, inadequate old elevator being rebuilt, and that was enough for them for a political agitation. It transpires that, while they were complaining of inactivity and indifference on the part of the Federal authorities, Mr. Hazen and the experts in the Railway Department had already developed the biggest and broadest plans for terminal facilities ever developed in Canada, and were awaiting the appropriation of Parliament to start activity at the practical work. The progress thus made in national development was very encouraging to all who are interested in Canada keeping ahead of the times and preparing itself to keep up with the requirements. As a western paper said: "The East is certainly arranging to do its part well in the development of the business of this great country." And now these partisans would, if they could have their way, spoil all that has been so well done merely because of their strange belief that it will be to their political advantage to create as wide a difference of opinion as possible, and this notwithstanding the fact that in the prosperity of the City of St. John and the Port of St. John is best promoted in the plans already so well worked out. They insist, for instance, that the elevator be built at a site that does not commend itself to transportation experts who are interested in plans of development at St. John much more comprehensive than the mere building of an elevator, and the partisans ask the Common Council of the city to interfere in their behalf. It is true

that these partisans do not reflect the intelligent opinion of the people of St. John. Nevertheless their action creates an outside view or influence very unfavorable to the city, and at a time when St. John should have the good will and support of the business interests of other provinces and of the people of other parts of this province. It is not to be assumed that the money of the people of Canada is to be spent to meet or satisfy a mere local whim in St. John or in any other community. The expenditure must serve a national purpose. The plans for terminal facilities at the port of St. John are big and comprehensive, involving the expenditure of many millions of dollars when the work is completed; and this has been accomplished through the influence of the Hon. J. D. Hazen, who has ever held and ever directed his energies to the end that St. John should become an essential port in the larger transportation schemes, and adequately developed as such. It is rapidly becoming a great port, its largely increasing business of such succeeding years having much exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine optimists. It is destined to be a much greater port, but the experts and the men of knowledge of their business are not to be interfered with in their national work by men not familiar with the intricacies of the problems involved, and who are rarely, if ever, genuinely interested in the public welfare.

### Letters to the Editor

#### "THE COUNCIL AND THE ELEVATOR."

To the Editor of The St. John Standard.

Sir,—In an editorial in today's Standard you refer to myself as expressing an opinion that the old Mill street site could be used for the new structure, (the elevator).

Please allow me to correct this as I am not in favor of building on the old site east of Mill street.

West of Mill street, however, there may be a site which would on the whole be preferable to the Water street site, and neither Mr. Gutelius nor Mr. Brown has given to the members of the Council full and satisfactory reasons for the condemning of that location.

My position is that, without further information about the Long Wharf location for the elevator, I am unable to approve of the Water street site.

I would like to add that a suggestion made to Mr. Gutelius to place the elevator at Courtenay Bay and to complete the roadway some of the docks there brought from him only an expression of disapproval of the Courtenay Bay undertaking, although it has been sanctioned by two governments and the work on same is well advanced.

Yours respectfully,  
G. FRED. FISHER.  
June 20th.

### Early Rising

By John Godfrey Saxe (1816-1877).

"God bless the man who first invented sleep."  
So Saicho Panza said, and so say I. And bless him, also, that he didn't keep His great discovery to himself, nor To make it—as the lucky fellow might—A close monopoly by patent-right.

Yes—bless the man who first invented sleep (I really can't avoid the iteration): But blast the man, with curses loud and deep, Whatever the rascal's name or age or station, Who first invented and went round advising That artificial cut-off—early rising!

"Rise with the lark, and with the lark to bed," Observes some solemn sentimental owl; Maxims like these are very cheaply said, But ere you make yourself a fool or fowl, Pray just enquire about his rise and fall, And whether larks have any bed at all.

The time for honest folks to be a-bed is in the morning, if I reason right, And he who cannot keep his precious head Upon his pillow till it's fairly light, And so enjoy his forty morning winks, Is up to knavery, or else—he drinks.

Thomson, who sung about the "seasons," said It was a glorious thing to rise in season, But then he said it—lying—in his bed, At ten o'clock a. m.—the very reason. He wrote so charmingly. The simple fact is His preaching wasn't sanctioned by his practice.

'Tis beautiful to leave the world a while For the soft visions of the gent's night, And free at last, from mortal care or worry, To live as only in the angel's reign, In sleep's sweet realm, so cozily shut in, Where, at the worst, we only dream of sin.

So let us sleep and give the Maker praise; I like the lad who, when his father thought To clip his morning nap by hackneyed phrase Of vagrant worm by early congealer caught, Cried: "Served him right; it's not at all surprising, The worm was punished, sir, for early rising."

### Little Benny's Note Book

Reddy Merly was leaning against the lamp post playing his mouth organ which he can play very soon on it he wants to, and I see, why don't you try writing in the papers that you will give mouth organ lessons, maybe you could make a lot of money, Reddy.

I mita get a lot of answers and it would be to much work, sed Reddy. I'd like to see how much wood you charge to teach me, I sed. With he sed he would teach me for 2 cents a lesson, and I sed, All rite, I'll make my father give me 2 cents a week for mouth organ lessons, how long will it take me to learn.

That depends, sed Reddy, maybe you'll learn in 2 lessons and maybe it will take you 5 years.

And while we was eating supper I sed, Pop, do you want me to be a musician.

I'de chaster, sed Pop, dident you stop taking piano lessons because it was to much work.

I no, but this is different, I sed. That's what the man remarked when he found himself in jail for living beyond his expenses, sed Pop.

Sum fello sed he will teach me to play for 2 cents a lesson, I sed. That sounds reasonable, sed Pop.

Yes sir, and I told him I'd ask you to give me 2 cents a week to take lessons with, I sed.

Lessons on wat, any partickler instrument? sed Pop.

Yes sir, the mouth organ, I sed. Waitir, waitir, sed Pop. And he drank a half a glass full, and then he sed, Look heer, Ludwig Paderboosky, do you see this gleaming dime?

Yes sir, I sed, and pop sed, Well, it's all yours if you cross your hart and solemnly swear to forever renounce the lure of the mouth organ.

Wich I did, and he gave me the dime, and after supper went Reddy Merly ask me if I was going to take lessons, I told him no. Wich Im not.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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J W Douglas, Toronto; C N Crowe, Bridgewater; W F Almy, Antigonish; G B Dunn, Halifax; C B Oak, Banor; M A Reid, N H Boutillier, Montreal; G H Moore, Boston; J E McCoy, N R Swenerton, Montreal; D McLeod, Halifax; W J Macdonald, Westfield; R I Lennox, Moncton; H Haley, Bradford; R J McQuire, Halifax; E Sanby, Tottingham; H Ross, Wisc, Quebec; T C Gorman, Montreal; J E Macdonnell, Fredericton; H W Miller, Vancouver; Mr and Mrs T B Flint, Ottawa; F Beresford, Toronto; R N Bell, Mrs W C Bartlett, Miss M Masterton, Denver; Miss Vina Raye Bathurst; F R Ayer, Banor; G E Payson, Moose Jaw; H A Richardson, Toronto; G W Surby and wife, Montreal; P N Daniels, New York; S E Hise, Montreal; F L Cooper and wife, Fredericton; Miss Chapman, Dorchester.

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4. Why do haversacks resemble hands?  
5. Why are you better looking than a pig?  
6. What makes an elephant's head so big?  
7. What is the difference between a wrecked sailor.

8. Why are blacksmiths more discomfited by a cold than a hot day?  
9. What timber should be used for a coffin?  
10. What is the difference between a

Word-Making

As we have not had a word making letter you have one this week. Out "Kitchen" make as many words as you can in the word, such as "kitchen" not "a."

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