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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.

A MISSED OPPORTUNITY.

Never in all his long political career did Sir Wilfrid Laurier have as good an opportunity to set himself right with the Canadian people and place himself fairly and frankly on record as to Canadian participation in this war, as that which came to him on Monday in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the House of Commons.

Down in Dorchester county, Quebec, a constituency peopled almost entirely by French-Canadians, Lucien Cannon, the Liberal candidate chosen to oppose Hon. Albert Seigney, in the by-election now being fought, had announced that he was opposed to Canada making further sacrifices for the cause of England and boldly declared that in making such a statement he spoke only the ideas of his party and of his chief.

Naturally there was much wonder as to whether Cannon spoke the truth when he said that his views were the views of his party. The Daily Telegraph hastened to assure its readers that the Liberal candidate had been misquoted, that he did not make the statements attributed to him and, anyway, if he did, he did not speak for the party. And this despite the fact that he had been regularly nominated by a Liberal convention, that he acted upon the advice of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in entering the Dorchester contest and that he had been personally endorsed by the Liberal leader. Just how sweeping was Sir Wilfrid Laurier's endorsement of Mr. Cannon can be judged from the following letter written to him by Sir Wilfrid himself and, significant fact, written on the very day of the meeting at St. Prosper in which he delivered himself of the reasonable statements referred to. Sir Wilfrid's letter is as follows:

335 Laurier Avenue East, Ottawa.
"My Dear Lucien:—

"You have done a good act (tu fais une bonne geste) in renouncing your provincial mandate to reinvigorate and affirm in Dorchester the rights of outraged conscience. I trust the electors will respond to your noble appeal. I wish you all success.

"Your Devoted Friend.

"WILFRID LAURIER."
Of course it is not to be supposed that Sir Wilfrid wrote the letter after he had learned of the nature of Mr. Cannon's "noble appeal" but, as he has maintained silence on the matter since Thursday last, it is quite evident that he does not regret the statements made by his "dear Lucien," and has no intention of repudiating them.

Had the Liberal leader desired to go on record to the effect that Mr. Cannon had misrepresented the party he had his opportunity in the debate on the address on Monday. One of the previous speakers had referred to the incident and this gave Sir Wilfrid ample excuse for dealing with it. But he absolutely evaded the question although in the press of the country, with the exception of a few machine Grit publications afraid to deal with it, the Dorchester election campaign was occupying almost as much space as the war.

What is to be understood from Laurier's silence? First, that he approves of Cannon's methods of appealing to the French Canadians of Dorchester and trusts "the electors will respond;" and second, that any repudiation he now may make will be forced from him by the fact that Cannon's open tirade against Canadian participation in the war may injure Liberal prospects in the English speaking provinces of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid has had his opportunity and missed it. Had he been truly patriotic he would have entered an indignant denial of the claim that the Dorchester candidate was the mouthpiece of the party. He did not do so. The public will draw their own conclusions.

MR. CANNON'S PATRIOTISM.

The esteemed Telegraph, in defending Mr. Lucien Cannon, the Laurier endorsed candidate in Dorchester, Quebec, says "he at least has said that he believes in Canadian participation in the present war."

Just so. Mr. Cannon is not against participation in this war so long as

such participation does not involve the sending of men or the contribution of money. Possibly he believes that it can be won by prayer, or by burning recruiting speeches such as Sir Wilfrid Laurier has (not) delivered in Quebec.

In other words Mr. Cannon has shown about as much patriotism as might be expected from a prime. And the editor of the Telegraph is satisfied with the brand.

A SAIL FOR EVERY BREEZE.

The Toronto Globe, chief Liberal organ in the province of Ontario, says "National Service and National Thrift. With these ideals before them Canadians may do more than they have yet done to aid the Allies in the New Year."

Fine and noble words. But do they mean anything when we consider that in Quebec, Mr. Lucien Cannon, the Laurier endorsed candidate, is appealing to French Canadians to elect him to Parliament as a supporter of Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal party because Laurier disapproves of national service. Mr. Cannon says:

"Laurier disapproves of the national service scheme by refusing the invitation to join it. The national service cards mean either nothing or conscription."

In Ontario the Liberals can catch votes by approving of national service and appearing to be very patriotic. In Quebec it is necessary to adopt a different policy. Yet Sir Wilfrid endorses those who are taking both courses. Playing the partisan politician with sectional and racial appeals rather than the patriot interested solely in the successful prosecution of this Empire's war.

GET IT STRAIGHT.

(Ottawa Journal-Press.)

Do not let us get tangled up in the heavy flow of verbiage from Dorchester. The new Minister, Hon. Mr. Seigney, is being ferociously attacked by Mr. Lucien Cannon, who announces himself as officially the candidate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party, and who is also, curiously enough, being indirectly supported by Le Devoir, Mr. Bourassa's paper.

Hon. Mr. Seigney is accused of having said some things in the general election of 1911 that sound bad now. He was, for instance, strenuously opposed to the Laurier Navy Bill, or any navy bill, and committed himself to declarations against Canada's participation in foreign wars that England might lead her into.

With any condemnation of Mr. Seigney for these ill-advised utterances many of us will agree.

But is that why Mr. Cannon condemns Mr. Seigney? Not at all. Mr. Cannon's charge against Mr. Seigney is that he did not fulfill the promises that he made in his 1911 speeches, that in 1913 he did support the proposal of Sir Robert Borden to make a contribution to the British Admiralty, and that he is now, apparently in contradiction of his expressed views of 1911, going into the Cabinet of an administration that is intent upon making Canada's contribution in men, munitions, and money toward the conduct of the great war as large as possible.

Mr. Seigney saw new light subsequent to his election in 1911. He became convinced, after Sir Robert Borden's visit to England and the memorandum he brought back from the British Admiralty, that there were very strong reasons why Canada should participate in the naval defence of the Empire.

The attack of Mr. Cannon upon Mr. Seigney, then, instead of being something that patriotic Canadians and Britishers can sympathize with, is really the very opposite.

To make the issue still more pronounced, it is Mr. Cannon himself who now is making statements to the electors of Dorchester—or was until the Liberal leaders at Ottawa saw he was being reported and the position of the Liberal party throughout Canada thereby seriously endangered—similar in purport to those which Mr. Seigney is alleged to have made in 1911. But, whereas there was the excuse in 1911 that few people believed the German menace was anything more than a bugaboo, there has been for two and a half years, and is in 1917, a war in progress that proves altogether

too conclusively for comfort that the German menace did and still does exist.

If Hon. Mr. Seigney were not amenable to the attack which Mr. Lucien Cannon is so viciously making against him, if Hon. Mr. Seigney had stuck to the policies of 1911, which Mr. Cannon charges him with having broken, he would not be a fit person for admission to the Cabinet of Sir Robert Borden.

Mr. Cannon's attacks, therefore, upon the new Minister, can be welcomed by the Borden Government and by everybody who wants Canada to do the utmost against the Teuton foe.

And the Borden Government has nothing to fear from the defeat of Hon. Mr. Seigney in Dorchester on such an issue.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Alice Porter Reed.

Mrs. Alice Porter Reed, widow of A. W. Reed, died at her residence, 230 St. George street, West St. John, yesterday morning. She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. H. W. Ketchum, Miss Constance and Miss Natalia, all of this city, and Miss Doris of Newton, Mass. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon from St. Jude's church.

James McCullough.

James McCullough, aged 100 years, died yesterday morning, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. James Higgins, 14 White street. The deceased came to St. John when a young man. Before leaving Ireland he took the pledge of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors from the celebrated Father Mathew, whose campaign spread throughout Great Britain, her colonies and the United States.

The deceased leaves three other daughters, Mrs. John Condon, Mrs. Patrick Crowley and Mrs. Richard Sutton all of Bangor, and three sons, Patrick, of Waterloo street; James, of the St. John Street Railway Company, and John, of Duluth.

The funeral will be held on Thursday morning from his late residence to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated.

Mrs. Henry Godsoe.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Godsoe, a highly esteemed young woman of Porter Road, eight miles from St. Martins, will regret to hear of her death which occurred on Sunday of pneumonia. Mrs. Godsoe was formerly Miss Georgie Baxter. Both she and her husband have resided in St. John. Mrs. Godsoe was 27 years of age and besides her husband is survived by four children, five brothers and a sister. The brothers are John Baxter of Amherst, N. S., Canadian Government Railway locomotive engineer; Edward Baxter of Uplham; Herbert Baxter of Hanford Brook, and Charles and Leonard Baxter of Boston.

Mrs. P. Little, of West St. John, is a sister. The funeral will be held from her late home at 2 p. m. today.

John Ritchie Graham.

Special to The Standard.
Grand Falls, Jan. 23.—The death of John Ritchie Graham, which occurred at his home here Saturday, removes another of the oldest residents of the town. Mr. Graham was born in Prince Edward Island and came here with his parents when he was about ten years of age, making his home here ever since. He was in his 84th year and was married to Miss Adah De Wolfe, of New York, in 1893. Of this union there are three children, Mrs. H. Steele of Proctor, B. C.; John B. Graham, of the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, and Miss Florence M. Graham, at home. Besides the widow and children are two brothers, Walter, in Idaho, and William, in California.

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MANY CASES OF RHEUMATISM NOW

Says We Must Keep Feet Dry, Avoid Exposure and Eat Less Meat

Stay off the damp ground, avoid exposure, keep feet dry, eat less meat, drink lots of water and above all take a spoonful of salts occasionally to keep down uric acid.

Rheumatism is caused by poisonous toxin, called uric acid, which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine. The pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

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Shot Six Dogs.

At the request of the secretary for the prevention of cruelty Police Constable Saunders paid a visit to the Peacock house in East St. John yesterday and shot six dogs, and he states that there are two more dogs to be done away with. The house in question was raided by the police early last Sunday morning, and the inmates locked up.

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TWO ACCIDENTS AT JEMSEG, QUEENS CO.

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Cecil Colwell, while working in the woods met with a painful accident. His axe blade passed through the top of one foot causing a severe cut.

Partial Eclipse of Sun.

There was a partial eclipse of the sun yesterday, but it was not visible in Canada or the United States. The eclipse was the second of seven this year, four of the sun and three of the moon. The next eclipse visible in Canada will be a total eclipse of the moon on December 28, all the other eclipses except that of the moon on January 8 being invisible in this latitude.

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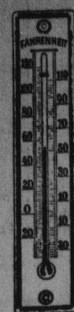
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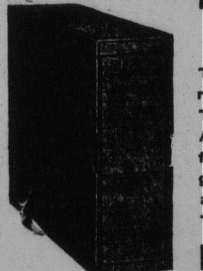
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