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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.

### WAR COMMENT.

Last night's despatches from the war zones were encouraging. Premier Viviani of France told the Chamber of Deputies that Russian soldiers would be able to co-operate at once with those of France and Britain in the fighting in the Balkans. This will materially increase the power of the armies arrayed against the Teutonic allies in that area of conflict, and will also be of assistance to the Serbians who, now facing attack on two sides, are in sore case. Greece continues to declare that she will maintain an armed neutrality, and it may be necessary to adopt energetic action to cause her to make a more definite pronouncement of her position.

It is semi-officially announced that Roumania will side with Great Britain and her allies, but there is no indication as to when she will exchange her position as an observer for that of an active belligerent.

Italy, apparently, will take no part in the conflict in the Balkans, pleading as an excuse that troops cannot be spared from the operations on the Austrian front. This is not likely to allay the agitation in France, which has now reached considerable proportions, and which is based on belief that Italy is not helping to the limit of her ability.

The British forces have met with further successes in the campaigns against the Germans in Africa, inflicting what is said to be a serious defeat on German troops.

The Russian success in the vicinity of Divinsk is held by Petrograd to be of more importance than at first indicated. The Czar's troops are said to have made substantial advances on a front of more than twelve miles, and to have secured positions which will prevent the Germans from attacking Divinsk or the important railway lines in that vicinity. In fact the claim is made that the Russians have neutrally made the effect of the gains previously made by the Teutonic armies.

On the western battle front, where the Canadians are in action, preparations are being made for another advance by the Allies. In Champagne and Artois the French are continuing their offensive, but the fighting so far is said to be but a preliminary to what is to come.

In fact from every area of war the story tells of hard and determined fighting of such a character as to emphasize the necessity for speedily sending more men to the Empire's armies.

### THE LIBERALS AND THE NAVY

In spite of the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when in power, refused to submit his permanent naval policy for approval of the Canadian electorate, the Telegraph continues to argue that Sir Robert Borden should have asked for a vote on his emergency proposal which, after all, was not intended to be taken as a permanent measure and in no sense committed Canada to the policy of annual contributions.

Sir Robert Borden's policy in power was absolutely consistent with the course he adopted in opposition. Like Sir Wilfrid Laurier's "independence of Canada" speeches, this can be absolutely proven by Hansard.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier advocated his measure in 1909, the leader of the Conservative opposition, on the first reading of the bill, said as follows:

"Lay your proposals before the people and give them, if necessary, opportunity to be heard, but DO NOT FORGET THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH AN EMERGENCY WHICH MAY REACH THIS EMPIRE ABANDONED BEFORE THE PROPOSED SERVICE IS WORTHY OF THE NAME. In the face of such a situation immediate, vigorous, earnest action is necessary. We have no Dreadnought ready; we have no fleet-unit at hand. But we have the resources, and I trust the patriotism to provide a fleet-unit, or at least a Dreadnought without one moment's unnecessary delay. Or, and in my opinion, this would be the better course, we can place the equivalent in cash at the disposal of the Admiralty to be used for naval defence under such conditions as we may prescribe. In taking this course we shall fulfil

not only in the letter, but in the spirit as well, the resolution of March last, and what is infinitely more important, we shall discharge a great patriotic duty to our country and to the whole Empire."—Hansard, 1909-10, page 1761.

Thus we find that Sir Robert suggested that the people be consulted on the permanent policy, but also advocated an immediate provision of Dreadnoughts to strengthen the Empire's naval forces.

Again, on February 3rd, 1910, when the bill was before the House for its second reading, Sir Robert Borden said:

"What the people of this country want, as far as any man can judge who has observed currents of public opinion, what the people of this country desire, is immediate and effective aid to the Empire and to have any proposals of a permanent nature very carefully considered and matured as they ought to be considered and matured before any such policy is embarked upon, because there are a great many considerations that must be taken into account."—Hansard, 1910-10, page 2988.

But, although Sir Robert opposed the Laurier policy on the ground that it could not be effectively carried out and that, by it, the Canadian navy would not be under the control of the British Admiralty, Sir Wilfrid had sufficient majority in the House of Commons and the Senate to carry his measure. But it is not on record that he took further steps to make it effective.

On April 27th, 1910, when the measure came up in the Senate, the Conservative leader moved a resolution in opposition to it which was voted down by the Liberal majority. That was more than one month before work was commenced on the Australian battleship Australia. Yet, from April, 1910, until February, 1911, the Laurier government took no action. In the latter month they called for the tenders upon which they did not decide, although both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley made the call for tenders an opportunity to catch votes by the promise of shipyards to Montreal and St. John.

When the Borden Government came to power Sir Robert did just what he had pledged himself to do. He went to England, consulted with the British Admiralty, and introduced a measure designed to give effective assistance to the Empire. He never receded from his position that the people should be consulted on any policy of a permanent nature, but his emergency bill did not involve such a policy, and, consequently, it was not necessary that he should go to the country on it.

The Liberals, at that time were smarting from defeat and, naturally, were anxious for any chance that might afford another opportunity. They had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Already the people had pronounced against them, and a similar verdict at a later date could carry no added sting. But, will the Telegraph or the Liberals of today subscribe to the doctrine that Sir Robert Borden should now appeal to the country on the two questions of his naval policy and the reformation of the Senate? Not for a minute. The Liberals of today know how the people regard their action and do not dare to make the test.

From first to last the Laurier policy was vacillating and inconsistent. Sir Robert Borden pursued the statesmanlike course, and if his measure for emergency aid had been adopted Canada today would be represented in the Empire's fighting lines, not by a separatist navy of the Laurier type, but by three "of the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build or money supply."

That is the one essential fact which cannot be hidden no matter how the Liberal party and the Liberal newspapers may try to screen it.

### After the War

(After the battle of Arques—in the wars of the League—Carillon, who was an adherent of Henry of Navarre, but was not at the fight, presented himself on the following day before the King. When the King saw him he cried out not in anger but in reproach: "O, Carillon, you may go and hang yourself; for ye fought a great fight

at Arques, but you were not there!" Ponsolot, brave Carillon, now at Arques, combats a Arques, mais tu n'y étais pas.)

We hear our mother calling from afar:  
"Come over, O my children, to the war!"

And home again wear proudly every scar,  
For we were there,  
Yes, we were there,  
But you (stand up and answer) were you there?

It was a fight of fury, West and East;  
The Kaiser clawed brave Belgium like a beast;  
We choked him off; we dragged him from his feast.

For we were there,  
Yes, we were there,  
But you (stand up and answer) were you there?

Sea-dragons, too, we hunted night and day;  
We held those murderers of babies at bay,  
And gashed gloriously the world, they say.

Live we not there?  
Were you not there?  
Hold up your head and answer, Were you there?

Don't you remember those who fought and fell  
At Mons, the Marne, the Yser, Neuve Chapelle?

Have you no story of the fight to tell?  
Were you not there?  
Stand up and give your answer, Were you there?

Did you not see at Stamboul or Suez  
The German helmets or the Turkish Fez?  
Surely that chap is lying when he says—  
You were not there!

Say, if you can, he's lying—You were there!  
The war is over; battle flags are furled;  
The Great Betrayer from his throne is hurled;

It was a glorious fight for all the world,  
And we were there;  
Yes, we were there!  
But you (do hang yourself!), you were not there!

R. STANLEY WEIR.

### Senator Thorne Appeals for the Patriotic Fund

St. John, Oct. 4.  
To the Editor of Daily Standard:  
The committee of the "Canadian Patriotic Fund" is about to appeal to the citizens of St. John for contributions to augment their funds, and make ample provision for the wives, families and dependants of those who have gone forward and are about going to fight for Canada and the Empire.

I am afraid a large portion of our citizens do not fully realize we are at war, and feel the necessity of doing all that lay within their power to bring it to a successful issue at the shortest time possible.

Everyone can help and should be prepared to make some sacrifice in order to provide for the families of those who enlist for overseas service.

We are using every effort to get men to enlist, and we are pledged to support their families and dependants during their absence. Those that remain behind, secure in their homes, should pay liberally in support of those who join the colors and risk their lives in the cause of liberty and freedom.

Let every man who has an ounce of patriotism give liberally and be prepared to make great sacrifices for those who are fighting in the trenches. St. John has done well in contributing to various Patriotic Funds, few have, however, up to the present time made any great sacrifice. There are many in this city who have not yet done their duty in this respect, and to them we appeal for such cash assistance as will provide for the necessities of the fund, until the war is over. It would be an everlasting disgrace for those who join the colors and risk their lives in the cause of liberty and freedom.

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In this greatest war the world has ever known, the Patriotic Fund has done a noble work throughout Canada and without one dollar of assistance from the central government. The Fund has been administered chiefly through voluntary effort, and our local committee meets every day in considering the many cases that come before it. We court fair criticism, and invite any citizen interested, to call at the office in Prince William street, and our worthy treasurer, Mr. C. B. Allan will be pleased to give information as to the system and methods of distribution, as well as the expenses involved in connection therewith.

Whatever contributions are made for other patriotic purposes the "Patriotic Fund" should be the first consideration of our people, and I have no doubt a liberal response will be given by the citizens of St. John, as well as the province generally.

Canvassers, in the interest of the Fund, will visit every household, and that is most desirable that subscribers agree to contribute monthly, until peace be declared, such an amount as will provide for the demands (which are steadily increasing) on the committee.

Yours etc,  
W. H. THORNE,  
Chairman.

### OBITUARY.

Charles F. Morehouse.  
Married, Oct. 12.—The death of Mr. Charles Frederick Morehouse occurred at his home on Main street about five o'clock on Monday afternoon.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Us folks was playing cops and robbers today, me being the judge awn my frunt steps and the cops bringing the prisoners up to me to be judged, pop setting awn the top step smooking and watching us, the first prisoner brawt up being Puds Simkins and the cop bringing him up being Sid Hunt. Officer, wats this prisoner charged with, officer, I sed.

He mordered his wife's legs awn with a ax and refused to give it back, sed Sid Hunt.

3 days in prison, I sed. And the cop took the prisoner away and let him go awn akkount of prisoners being scarce and we didnt have enuff to spare to lock eny up, and the next prisoner brawt up was Sam Krawns, the cop bringing him up being Skinny Martin.

Officer, wats the charge, officer, I sed. He mordered his hole family except himself, sed Skinny.

Wat with, I sed.  
Rat poison and thins, sed Skinny.  
4 days jale awn bread and watter, I sed. And the next prisoner brawt up was Jonny Willson, Officer Sid Hunt bringing him up and saying, He bloo up a baby carriage full of babies, judge.

Wat with, I sed.  
A dynamite bum, sed Sid Hunt.

5 days in prison with nobody aloud to see him except his family and friends, I sed.

Good nite, sum justice, sed pop. And the next prisoner was Puds Simkins agen, Skinny Martin bringing him up and saying, Judge, sum uthir fellow wuntid to play hookey frum skool and this wun is the ony wun woodent do it and sed he wood tell awn them if they did.

Live imprisonment awn bread watter, I sed.  
Hey, stop, desist, sed pop, I cant allow you boys to use my frunt steps for this galm, wy I declare youve got my morals awn upset, I dont no rite frum rong or crime frum punahmint, go play sumthing elts, yure not a good infnoetens awn me.

So we got up a galm of hare and hounds.

noon. Deceased had been in poor health for several months, but his death came rather unexpectedly. He was born at Perth, Carleton County, on the 26th of December, 1835, being in his 80th year. He came to Marysville in 1877 and for a number of years was on the office staff of the Alex. Gibson Co. As a citizen he was highly respected by all. He was an energetic member of All Saints Episcopal Church and an honorary member of Nashua Lodge, I.O.O.F. He is survived by one sister, Miss Georgiana Morehouse, with whom he resided. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon with services at All Saints Church at 2 p. m. Interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.

## TORONTO CATHOLICS URGED TO HELP THE BRITISH RED CROSS

Toronto, Oct. 12.—At a meeting of the Roman Catholic churches of Ontario held here this afternoon, a resolution was passed for general circulation in Ontario dioceses, urging generous contributions by Roman Catholics to the British Red Cross, in response to the appeal made by Lord Lansdowne. The resolution was signed by two archbishops and five bishops.

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