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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.

THE CASE AGAINST QUEBEC.

That the case against the Province of Quebec in the matter of recruiting is based on fact is shown by the latest returns of the number of men enlisted in Canada since the outbreak of war. The total enlistment up to September 30th was 365,861. Of these Ontario contributed 149,391, or more than her proportion on a basis of population. The Maritime Provinces, with a population slightly more than 407,000, contributed 32,068, WHILE QUEBEC WITH A POPULATION OF 2,000,697 CONTRIBUTED 36,691. WITH A POPULATION MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, THE PROVINCE OF LAURIER, PUT BUT 4,623 MORE MEN INTO THE KING'S UNIFORM.

Is there any reason why such a condition should be permitted to continue? If the Maritime Provinces had sent their due share of men into the army the number standing to our credit would be slightly more than 44,000. IF QUEBEC HAD DONE HER FULL DUTY HER ENLISTMENT RETURNS WOULD SHOW 98,000. AND THE LIBERAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH UPBRAID THE YOUNG MEN OF MARITIME CANADA FOR THEIR FAILURE TO DON THE KHAKI ARE ABSOLUTELY SILENT ON THE QUESTION OF QUEBEC, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS IN THAT PROVINCE THAT THE LAURIER INFLUENCE IS MOST KEENLY FELT, AND TO CONDEMN QUEBEC IS TO CONDEMN THE LIBERAL CHIEFTAIN.

Those Liberal newspapers which complain that the Government has not exerted every effort to secure men for the Canadian army should turn their editorial attention to the province where their own leader holds vaunted sway. Canada requires 150,000 men to complete her quota of half a million. Quebec, to be in line with the English provinces, should supply one-third of these. What will Laurier do about it? Will he go to work wholeheartedly, as he should have done at the outset of the war AND COUNSEL HIS LEUTENANTS TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE, OR WILL HE CONTENT HIMSELF WITH AROUSING DISSATISFACTION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND APPLAUDING AND ENDORSING SUCH DISGRACEFUL APPEALS AS THAT MADE BY MR. LEMIEUX AT MONTREAL?

THAT LAURIER SPEECH.

The Times attempts to evade an answer to the Standard's challenge to state its position on the question of conscription by publishing a fulsome eulogy of the recruiting speech made in the Province of Quebec a few days ago by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. According to the Times the Liberal leader made a wonderful speech. Possibly he did; it would not be the first time in Sir Wilfrid's career that he charmed thousands by the witchery of his eloquence. But the effect of a lifetime spent in teaching separation to his compatriots in the province of his birth cannot be overcome by one speech or the most impassioned protestations of loyalty and patriotism.

The merit of Laurier's speech will be judged, not by the Times' outburst but by the effect his effort had in swelling the recruiting returns among the class of people to whom he addressed his appeal. How many men donned the khaki as the result of Laurier's belated eloquence? How far did his Montreal speech go in the direction of offsetting his earlier utterances, for instance that memorable reference to the Highbrows of Downing Street, or some of his pronouncements during the debate on the Naval Aid Bill?

The Fredericton Mail, another journalistic apologist for Laurier's failure as a recruiting agent, carries at the head of its editorial column a couple of paragraphs from the Liberal leader's oration. Here are a couple from the speech of Mr. Lemieux, who followed Sir Wilfrid, and whose remarks were applauded by the Liberal leader. The Mail might well publish them side by side with the remarks of Laurier. It could then show its readers the difference between the words the Liberal chieftain actually spoke and those he applauded, when coming

from his chief French-Canadian lieutenant, Mr. Lemieux said:

"We are on the eve of a crisis. We know by experience what the party of privilege will do; we know that it will increase their privileges. They claim to restore things in the future with a vague talk of reciprocity between the Empire and the Allied nations. . . . How much are you to pay for coal for the winter, for sugar, for everything? . . . The national debt of Canada, which you and I will have to pay interest on through generations, and which your children will have to pay interest on, is running into a billion dollars, and we have only a population of 7,000,000 to meet it. . . . Let me call your attention to matters that will affect us after the war. At the present time, workmen are engaged in shell and munition factories. When the war is finished, these industries will be closed, and, thank God, we are not in a militaristic country, so these industries will close. Then we will have on the streets armies of unemployed."

Nothing more unworthy than this utterance of Lemieux has been made from any platform since the war began. And the Liberal leader and ex-premier sat within a few feet of the speaker and applauded him. Mr. Lemieux's purpose in speaking as he did was to arouse resentment and exasperation against the Canadian Government at a time when the interests of the country and the Empire demand a united support to that Government. And he made his outburst in the province which has most cause to feel ashamed of its response to the call to arms.

It must be apparent to Mr. Lemieux that if Canada is to bear her part in this struggle she must be prepared to spend hundreds of millions of dollars and to endure a disturbance of labor conditions, and a dislocation of industry. These things follow naturally in the train of war. Also it is natural to expect that thousands of Canadians must give up their lives or suffer injuries on the battlefields of France and Flanders but was it wise or patriotic for Mr. Lemieux to emphasize these points, to attempt to excite feeling against necessary expenditures and to create discontent in the one province in Canada which has not given freely of its men for the Empire armies, or of its funds for patriotic objects?

Sir Wilfrid, in his address gave expression to some phrases sounding lofty patriotism but he damned the effect by his bitter and prejudiced political utterances and his open approval of the disloyal sentiments of his colleague. If the Liberal leader and Mr. Lemieux can take to their compatriots in Quebec no better message than that they delivered in Montreal a few days ago it would be a patriotic and loyal action on their part to stay away. Twenty years of such messages, from Liberal lips, is largely responsible for the disgraceful position Quebec occupies today.

LAURIER AT MONTREAL.

The following comment on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at Montreal is taken from the London, Ont., Free Press:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made one more speech in Quebec. This time he spoke in Montreal and an enthusiastic reporter places the audience that listened to him at 15,000. The Liberal leader told his audience that the war in Europe was a war in which they could properly engage. But, he said, he was as opposed as ever to militarism. He would not vary a jot or tittle from his attitude in that regard. And what is his attitude? How it must puzzle the people of Quebec to know just what Sir Wilfrid means, when they remember how fiercely he opposed Canada's participation in the wars of Europe—how in ringing tones he declared that this country must be kept free from "the vortex of European militarism." And yet they do not appear to be puzzled at all—for they take it that it is their business to stay at home and let somebody else fight in order that they may indeed be free from "militarism."

It is not encouraging to find that Sir Wilfrid, despite his statement that until the war was won nothing else mattered, devoted the greater part of his address to a defense of Liberalism on the reciprocal trade issue and the navy policy. If we should be intent upon winning the war before all else what are we to think when a great national leader, speaking to an audience of 15,000 of his fellow-countrymen, revives the defeat of his party five years ago, insists that it was a glorious defeat and that the majority of the people were misled and stupid

that they did not support the Liberals, and says that anyway the Liberals died for principle? For what principle, pray? Free Trade with the Yankees?

And then as to the navy. Sir Wilfrid is not going to take any back water there, either. He did not, however, insist that there was no German menace. But he did maintain that the place for Canadian warships was on the Pacific Ocean and not on the North Sea. In proof of which he said that the people of Vancouver were greatly alarmed because there was no Canadian navy there to save them. Sir Richard McBride telegraphed to Ottawa for protection and two submarines were hurriedly purchased in the United States. Of course, nothing happened. The Vancouver people were not molested; the submarines have been lying at anchor since. But over on the North Sea tragic things have been taking place.

Lamentable were the errors into which Sir Wilfrid plunged the Liberal party on the reciprocity and the navy issues, and it is doubtful if in any quarter militant Liberalism will appreciate this promise to repeat them should the opportunity offer.

The Boast or the Way?

They counted the cost and went;
You count the cost and stay;
Yours is the patriot boast,
Theirs is the patriot way.

Have they seen what you have not seen,
These men with the courage high?
Have they heard what you have not heard,
That this is their stern reply?

A vision in truth they have seen;
They have seen it and, lo! they go;
'Tis wrong on the throne triumphant
And truth on the scaffold below.

They have heard the cry of the outraged,
As to God's throne it rose,
And the soul of the Briton has answered
"These foes are Britain's foes."

They counted the cost and went,
True patriots undimayed!
Yet not for a trifling cause
Do they draw the avenging blade!

Not for a trifling cause
Does the field of France run red;
Not for a trifling cause
Is the blood of our bravest shed!

With manhood, tried in the balance,
And their priceless honor weighed,
They counted the cost and went;
You counted the cost and stayed.

EMMA VEAZEY.

UNDER GERMAN FIRE.

(Canadian Gazette).
"We never expected to come out alive. No one did. The shelling was tremendous, quite beyond description or imagination." In these words a wounded Saskatchewan officer, now in hospital, spoke to a representative of the Canadian Gazette of recent shelling by the enemy. He went on to say that a British artillery officer who had been at the front for a long time described it as the heaviest concentration of artillery fire he had seen.

"My battalion went up with others. Our orders were to consolidate and hold the ground that had been held. I do not think that at one time it was supposed that the Germans were going to attack again. We went up one communication trench leading from the British old front line to the German old front line, and as we were sent back again to go to another point, we found the communication trench filled up and flattened out by shell fire. The Germans got into crater No. 2, but these craters are of no use to anyone, as they can be cleared out at any time by artillery fire. Looking towards our line one saw what had the appearance of a large ploughed field, but the furrows were made by shell. We held the crater which we occupied, and handed it over to the brigade that relieved ours. We brought back nine German prisoners who were fair-looking specimens of German soldiers. They belonged to a Jager regiment, sharpshooters and considered rather a crack corps. The whole engagement was, however, really an artillery duel rather than a battle. The superiority of our infantry over the German is always patent. It is the German artillery that saves them from being smashed. Germans dread our artillery fire. What the men would like would be to charge the Germans. Naturally it is sometimes very trying to be shelled and shelled, and to be unable to do anything in return. It is, however, some comfort to hear our own guns replying vigorously."

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Little Benny's Note Book

This afternoon my fellows wanted to wawk out to the park and play ball, ony Sam Cross was minding his kid sister Annie, and he sed to her, Hay, Annie, I want to wawk out to the park with the fellows, will you set heer on the steps till I get back and some time ill do sumthing for you, maybe.

No, mama sed you had to stay home and ming me, and if you wont ill tell on you, sed Annie. Being a darn kid, and Sam sed, Well if I give you a sent will you stay home and be good?

No, sed Annie.
"Wat, not for a sent? sed Sam.

No, not for a sent, a sents not mitch, sed Annie. And Puds Simkins sed, I got a sent, Sam, that makes 2, she awt to stay home for 2, Sam.

Will you stay home for 2? sed Sam.
No, not even for 2, sed Annie. And I sed, ill put a sent, Sam, if she wont stay home for 3 wat kind of a kid is she.

Will you stay home for 3, sed Sam.
No, sed Annie.

Good nite, then leave her come with us, sed Reddy Mert, she'll be sorry wen she finds out wat a long wawk it is. I woodnt munkey with a kid like that all day, if she was my sister id crack her a shot.

Then pertend shes your sister, ill let you, sed Sam.
No I woodnt crack anybody elses sister, sed Reddy, and Sam sed Come on Annie, you can come with us.

Ill stay home for 3 sents, sed Annie. And Puds sed, I take back my awifer, she cant have my sent now.

Then ill stay for 2, sed Annie, and I sed, I take back my awifer, to. Will you stay back for one? sed Sam.

Yes, sed Annie. And he gave her his sent and we wawked out to the park without her. Proving if you dont know wen to stop you better not start to act like a pig.

"TANK" WITH GERMANS ON ITS BACK.

(Canadian Gazette).
Much has been said in the press of the part played by the "tanks" in action during Friday and Saturday's fighting, and soldiers who arrived in London on Tuesday brought stirring stories home. A Canadian sergeant-major stated to the Daily Mail that near the fifth German line one of the "Land Navy" got stuck up momentarily. "I had to laugh," he said, "for there were Germans clambering upon its back and trying to find its doors. Then suddenly it began to move again with the Germans sitting astride. One by one they tumbled off—and the 'elephant' just went on!"

Goucher, while Miss Dryer will recite; the other to be at Rolling Dam, when the speakers will be Rev. Harry Strothard, Lieut. Ryder and Sergt. Hanson.

On Monday evening the meeting will be at Upper Tower Hill, and will be addressed by Judge Cockburn, Corp. Grant, Sergt. Hanson and Capt. Ryder. Miss Dryer will be present and will recite and dance. Tuesday evening's meeting at Oak Hill will be addressed by Rev. Harry Strothard, Sergt. Hanson, Corp. Grant and Capt. Ryder. Miss Dryer will recite and dance.

Recruiting Meetings in Charlotte Co. Next Week for Kilties

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, Oct. 4.—The recruiting meetings in Charlotte county will be continued during the first three days of next week. A big meeting is to be held in St. Stephen on Saturday evening to be addressed by Col. Guthrie, Prof. Thornton, Capt. Ryder, Major Ryder, Lieut. Ryder, Corp. Grant and others, while Lieut. Howes, Miss Muriel Dryer and others will participate in the entertainment features, and Short's military band will be in attendance.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be two meetings, one at Scotch Ridge, to be addressed by Capt. Ryder, Corp. Grant and Rev. Dr.

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