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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.

LAURIER AND "PATRONAGE"

Under the caption "Death-bed Repentance," the Times, last evening, devoted half a column of its editorial space to an attempt to minimize the force of Premier Borden's statement regarding the Government's intended treatment of the men who reaped an illicit profit from the sale of war supplies. The Times' production is absolutely humorous in several respects but in none more so than in its effort to create capital out of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's promise to assist Premier Borden in "getting rid of the patronage evil in Canada." It will strike most Canadians that if there ever was such a thing as a "patronage evil in Canada" Sir Wilfrid Laurier ceased to be interested in it about ten o'clock on the evening of September 21st, 1911, after the counted ballots of the Canadian electorate conveyed to him the information that he had been hurled from power and his place given to another.

Up to that time Sir Wilfrid was never known to manifest concern over the terrible inroads made by this thing called "patronage" upon the public morals of this country. The Telegraph and the Times, as reference to the Auditor-General's report for the period between the autumn of 1908, when the Canterbury street organs experienced their last flop, and the month of September, 1911, also had little to say concerning the evils of patronage. The very men responsible for the continued existence of those newspapers did not hold up their hands in holy horror when patronage was mentioned during the Liberal regime. Dr. Fugley did not object to the patronage system when he was busily engaged in purchasing "sawdust" wharves. Possibly a few pages from the Auditor-General's reports, or extracts from the evidence given in a certain investigation presided over by Judge Cassels would refresh the editorial minds of the Telegraph and Times concerning patronage.

As for evidence that the patronage list has been practically abolished already by the Conservative Government, it can be found in the very reports of the investigations at Ottawa which led to the Premier's statement. The only case in connection with the enquiry into soldiers' boots where it was found that a middleman received a "rake-off" from a manufacturer for securing a contract from the Government was that in which Mr. Charles Slater figured and that gentleman, by political persuasion, is a Grit, and had received contracts from the Laurier government at the time of the South African war. In the case of binoculars, the official of the Militia Department at present under suspension pending an investigation of his conduct, is a Grit and an appointee of the Laurier government.

Evidence produced in connection with the management of the public domain under the Laurier government has shown that grafters and rake-off men flourished during the benign administration of the gentleman who now arises in his place and offers to help Premier Borden in "getting rid of the patronage evil in Canada." Yet there was not a word from Sir Wilfrid while he was in power and in a position to grapple with the "patronage evil." If there is warrant for the Times' characterization of Premier Borden's action as a "death-bed repentance" is there not more cause to ascribe Sir Wilfrid Laurier's stand as due to "post mortem" qualms of conscience, qualms which did not manifest themselves until some three years and seven months after he had become a political corpse? For Sir Wilfrid to interest himself now in questions which concern the Government, and the Government alone, is like the story of the small boy who was standing near a barrel of ripe apples. A passing stranger admired the fruit and asked the boy if he would sell one. "No," said the lad, "take one," and as the stranger bit into a particularly luscious apple the youngster added unconsciously "They ain't mine."

LIBERAL MORALITY.

Liberal newspapers have been giving more than a little attention to the opinions of the Toronto Globe on developments in connection with the investigations at Ottawa. But they have been very careful to select from the Globe only such items as seemed to prove their case. Take the purchase of binoculars, for instance. Liberal newspapers were inclined to visit maledictions on the head of the Minister of Militia for the binocular incident. But the Toronto Globe says of the dealers who were called in by General Hughes to supply these goods: "There are no more honorable business men in Toronto than P. W. and M. C. Ellis, the well known manufacturing silversmiths and jewellers."

It appears that the Minister of Militia, having asked these honorable business men to contract for the binoculars led the matter to them and to Col. Hurdman in the Militia Department. Col. Hurdman is a Grit and a brother of a Grit member in the Ontario legislature. But the binoculars were not right, and as soon as it was discovered that they were not right Col. Hurdman was suspended from the service. The "honorable business men" of Toronto who sold the goods and who, if there was any rake-off in connection with the matter, must have been a party to it, get a certificate of character from the chief Liberal organ.

In connection with the horse purchases Mr. Carvell, the other day, expressed his personal pride in the conduct of a gentleman who had swindled the Government agents and had boasted of it. When that gentleman was reminded that he could be punished Mr. Carvell sneeringly dared the Public Accounts Committee to "send him to the jug," as he elegantly phrased it, and followed his challenge with the remark: "I will defend him." Apparently Mr. Carvell holds to the same standard of public morality as does the Toronto Globe. It is all right to swindle a Canadian Government so long as that Government is Conservative, and the swindlers Grits.

CULTIVATE VACANT LOTS.

To the Editor of The Standard.
Sir,—Perhaps you can suggest a means whereby the vacant lots in and about the city may be brought under cultivation or rendered more beautiful and attractive than they are at the present.

I am moved to make this suggestion because of a visit that was paid to the Board of Trade rooms today by the representatives of an estate that owns a large lot of unoccupied land within a few minutes walk of the centre of the city. They stated that they had read in the Montreal papers that the City Improvement League had taken up the work of cultivating vacant lands in and around Montreal, and they wished to place their land in St. John at the disposal of any organization that might be formed for increasing the output of food products during the war, they could see no reason why unoccupied land at St. John should not be used for a like purpose. They wanted their lands to be working. They did not wish them to be lying idle while other lands in other cities of the Dominion were "doing their little bit" for the general cause.

Unfortunately, among the numerous organizations with which this city is blessed, there is none that is specially charged with the work of making the waste places of the city more beautiful or more profitable. It does not seem to be a part of the duties of our over-worked and much-abused city commissioners, nor yet does it seem to come within the sphere of effort of the Arboricultural Society, the Horticultural Society, the Natural History Society, the Playgrounds Association, or the Board of Trade.

Perhaps a solution of the problem might be found if a joint committee from each of the organizations above-named would get together and talk the matter over. This same committee might discuss the propriety of a "Clean-up Week" for the city such as some other wide-awake communities are doing. If anything is to be done this year this committee should be at work now.

Yours sincerely,
R. E. ARMSTRONG.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

Three monthly contributions received by Mr. C. B. Allan for the Patriotic Fund yesterday were:
W. J. Ambrose.....\$10.00
Mrs. Ambrose..... 5.00
Benjamin Mirey..... 1.00

ADVERTISING MIGHT ATTRACT U. S. TOURISTS

Business man advocates advertising the Province—Fredericton advertises the attractions of its girls.

A prominent business man who recently returned from a trip to the United States is advocating the inauguration of a special advertising campaign having for its object the attraction of American tourists to the Maritime Provinces this summer. "Tens of thousands of Americans who have been in the habit of spending the summer in Europe will be looking for other places in which to spend their summer vacation," he said to a reporter yesterday. "A good many will go west and take in the Panama Exposition, and then make a trip along the Pacific coast. But tens of thousands will not want to make the long railway trip across the continent, and will look for entertainment here in the east. They will not go south, because it is too warm, and will naturally turn their eyes northward. If we can let them know what kind of a climate we have in this province in the summer time, and what attractions we can offer in the way of boating, bathing, scenery, etc., we should be able to get a lot of the tourist traffic. If we are to do any special advertising it should be done before the last of May, as by that time most people make plans for their summer vacation. I think it would pay the city of St. John to vote a considerable sum for special advertising at this time. And all the towns throughout the province ought to do something. The Maritime Forward Association might do something to stir up interest in the matter, and the various Boards of Trade might cooperate. Hotel men throughout the province would doubtless contribute generously if a general movement was started for the purpose of advertising our attractions for tourists."

The secretary of the St. John Board of Trade stated yesterday that while they were not carrying on any special campaign to attract tourists they were working in concert with the New Brunswick Tourist Association, and doing a lot of work in the way of advertising the province among prospective tourists. "In the news letters we sent out each week we call attention to the attractions of the province as a place for a summer holiday," added the secretary. "When we send out the booklet of the tourist's association, we also receive many enquiries from people in the United States, looking about for a place to spend their holidays, and in answer send tourist literature."

The Fredericton Board of Trade has just issued a new booklet on Fredericton, setting forth its advantages as a manufacturing center, and also as a place to spend a summer vacation. The Fredericton Tourist Association has also just issued a reprint of its booklet, which is of great interest, and beautifully illustrated with striking scenes. In this booklet some nice references are made to St. John. For instance:

"Forming, as it does, the natural gateway of travel to Fredericton by the water route, St. John is a city entitled to favorable consideration. Its population is nearly 50,000; its public and private buildings would adorn a city of much larger size, and it is the only genuine winter port of Canada. Intending shippers (and politicians) must beware of imitations. The people of St. John are very proud of their comely city, and very much in earnest in their efforts to promote its welfare. Nothing, in their opinion, is too good for St. John." Hence has arisen the unwarranted suspicion prevalent in some quarters, especially in Halifax, that St. John wants the earth. However this may be, the earth wants St. John, for it has need of her genial, energetic, optimistic citizens."

Or again:
"St. John is by no means destitute of charms as a temporary summer resort itself. The rise and fall of the tide produce cooling breezes from the sea that temper the rays of the sun in the hottest weather; the Bay Shore affords very fair facilities for bathing; the roads leading out of the city are kept in fine condition and offer many pleasant drives. To people with a taste for freaks and conundrums a very instructive feature of this locality is the famous "reversible cataract," which twice in every twenty-four hours turns around and falls up hill!"

Some of the descriptions of the celestial city are of an impressive character:
"The death rate of Fredericton," says the booklet, "is so low as to be within the reach of all. It arises almost entirely from one of two causes: extreme old age or physical infirmity of some kind. In the case of government officials neither of these has any

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Pop was getting jessed in a hurry this morning, awn akkout of being late, and awl of a sudden he sed, Gosh shang it and ding it to blases, now I've gone and dropped my collar buttin, blast it to dingbastid smther-eens wate the mischiff did it go to, Pawleen, wood you mind kuming in heer and seeing if you can locate a slasn blankitty collar buttin for me youre awl-fays bragging you can find things.
Awl rite, if you promise to stop that perfanity, sed ma.
And she went in and sturpid to help pop look awn the floor undir things, and awl of a suddin she looked up and sed, hee hee.
Wata the joak, wate was it, sed pop.
I havent found it yet, I jest thawt of suthing funny, sed ma.
Now for the luv of patience awn a monumint, Pawleen, is this any time to stop the words werk to think of suthing funny, sed pop, heer im 15 minuts late awreddy and my collar buttin is hiding from me, and you delibrity stop to think of suthing funny.
I've heerd of collir buttins rolling out of site and man swarling about it in comick papirs, but this is the first time I evvir axilly saw it happin, sed ma, hee hee, leest that funny.
Funny as a krutch, now, woman, if you luv me, find that collir buttin, sed pop.
Thats just like a man, always teasing a bobby about not having any sents of humor, and then wen she thinks of suthing funny, he wont even laff, sed ma.
Woman, in 10 years you havent laffed at a joak in the rite plase, sed pop and now, now of awl times, you insist awn being the werids champion female comedum, I beseech you, femine incarnayshin of Mark Twane and Mike Crevantes, find me my collar buttin befor I fome at the mouth.
Im looking for it, sed ma, reetching undir the bewro; Im looking, my goodness, cant a persin look and think of suthing funny at the same time, I dont see wy you dont laff at it, I think the ider is to reedoklus for anything, if you saw it in a joak papir youd daff at it, so why dont you laff at it now.
Smash it to evvirlasting biffity bang, I dont want to laff, and ferthir-moar, I refuse to laff, and still ferthir-moar, there is absoolity nothing to laff at, sed pop.
Hee hee, I goss this is vun of the joaks I see and you dont, hee hee, sed ma.
O it must be simply excoorsiating, sed pop, wy, heers an extra collir buttin I didnt no I had, thank you very much for yure kind services, madam, but I guess I wont need thematir awl.
Hee hee, sed ma.
Haw, haw, sed pop.

effect. The only thing that can happen to them is superannuation.

"Should the tourist need a wife to accompany him on the tour of life, he is earnestly advised to pause at Fredericton. The Celestial girl is both useful and ornamental. She is a flower by the dusky wayside. She is ice-cream in August and sunshine in April. She is a ripple of laughter on the river of Time. In short, she is the frosting which Heaven has spread o'er the dreary plain cake of earth.

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