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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 CALL TO PATRIOTISM.

"As for myself I have no time at such a crisis for criticism. I am behind the clear-eyed purpose of the Premier of Canada and so are the people of Canada. The time now is to stand under the flag we love and to stand behind a Government whom history will record has done well. I am behind this Government until the war is won beyond all doubt."—Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal M. P., Red Deer, Alta., in the Canadian House of Commons.

Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer, Alberta, did not occupy much space in Hansard with the address he made in the House of Commons the other day, but his remarks should be printed in full in every newspaper in the land and, after they have been read, the press should find permanent abiding place on a tablet in the Liberal committee room in the new Parliament building. The member for Red Deer has struck a higher note than any of his colleagues. While not the leader of the opposition, yet he has pointed the way to that party so clearly and so plainly that they will be foolish indeed who fail to heed his message.

The spirit animating Dr. Clark's notable address finds expression in the sentences published at the head of this article: "I HAVE NO TIME AT SUCH A CRISIS FOR CRITICISM. I AM BEHIND THE CLEAR-EYED PURPOSE OF THE PREMIER OF CANADA AND SO ARE THE PEOPLE OF CANADA." This is a crucial period in Canada's affairs, a period when all minds should be unitedly applied to the solution of one problem and one alone. How shall we so bear ourselves that our every action will work to the benefit of the Empire? This is the question demanding primal attention from every Canadian, no matter what his politics, race or creed. All others are of secondary importance.

The member for Red Deer is moderate in his statements, yet he plainly directs the attention of the Liberal party to the fact that, in their course of partisan criticism of the acts of the Government, they have failed to measure up to the duty of the hour. And Dr. Clark, today, is as staunch a member of that party as at any time during his public career. He has always been a party man but never a party-blind fanatic. He bases his Liberalism on the policy of free trade and in that he is a radical of radicals. Consequently, during the reciprocity campaign, he came to be regarded as the leader of the free trade wing of his party, which was strongest in the agricultural sections of the west, and it was his leadership and influence as much as anything else that sent the Liberal following from the prairie provinces to the Dominion Parliament in the campaign of 1911.

But, free-trader and Liberal though he is, the member for Red Deer is also a stalwart up-standing Canadian who sees what has apparently escaped Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Pugsley and the Carvell-Kyte class of back benchers, that this is a time when the attention of the country should be turned to other things, save party politics. He does not approve of the position taken by Grit muck-rakers in connection with war contracts. He scorns the men who are spending their time seeking for some tiny fault on the part of Sir Sam Hughes and the members of the Shell Committee, or the authorities who awarded contracts for boots or binoculars or any of the other articles necessary to the equipment of the Canadian soldier, and points out that if there is fault on the part of any person it can well be investigated after the war. In his own words: "I HAVE NO TIME AT SUCH A CRISIS FOR CRITICISM."

Dr. Clark, like all good Canadians, recognizes that the men in authority in Ottawa are doing and have done their very best to handle the great problems arising from the world war. In this the people of Canada are solidly behind Premier Borden and his colleagues, and it is the people of Canada not particularly interested in party politics who will pay most attention and give most careful thought to the really remarkable address of the talented westerner. There are many reasons why that address should attract attention from coast to coast. As an exchange correctly says: "A Conservative might have

stood in his place in the Commons a dozen times and said the same things and yet have spoken only to deaf ears. But here was a Liberal supporting the work of a Conservative Government. It takes all the strength of a strong man sometimes to put his partisanship behind his back. Dr. Clark grew up in Liberalism. He is as eager under ordinary conditions as any man that the Liberal party should lead in the Government of Canada. He has sacrificed much for the party; for years he has given his time and has submerged his pleasures in behalf of Liberalism. And it is for these reasons that the words of Dr. Clark are transcendent with patriotism. A grateful country will hold him in happy thought for his timely words.

Dr. Clark's speech should also awaken in the more responsible men of the Liberal party a demand for a new and better leadership. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has permitted himself to be overridden by the muck-raking element and, as a result, the country is faced with the spectacle of a once great party placing the seal of its official approval on a mean and partisan campaign not warranted by facts and conducted at a time when there should be unity and co-operation instead of strife and discord. Sir Wilfrid's pledges to observe a truce have been disregarded by his followers both in the House and in the country. Misrepresentation and insinuation have been made to do duty for fact and argument. Suppress the facts when they do not suit seems to be the policy and in pursuance of it we find the Telegraph, the leading organ of the Liberal party in this province, absolutely silent on the remarks of the member for Red Deer. So far as that newspaper is concerned he might never have uttered a word. It can hardly be through an oversight that a public speech which has attracted editorial attention all over Canada should pass without notice or comment. More likely it is that the Telegraph lacked the courage to comment on what was really a stinging rebuke to the small-bore politicians for whom it chiefly speaks. Publication and display of Dr. Clark's address would have shown the loyal Liberals of New Brunswick that they were being misled and deceived by their supposed party leaders who masquerade as high-minded patriots to cloak their mischievous political designs.

As before stated, this is a time for big things and big thoughts. The people of Canada are in no mood to be trifled with and they recognize that to furnish temporary political capital to F. B. Carvell and others of his ilk is not the duty of the hour. Dr. Clark's speech has simply emphasized that opinion.

THAT ALBERT COUNTY FARM.
 Referring to some simple questions propounded to Mr. John Morrissey through The Standard, the Times, last evening, said that the ex-Minister of Public Works would reply later. Possibly he will but it is well to recall that, already, there are several other subjects on which replies should be forthcoming from Mr. Morrissey or from Opposition Organizer Carter. The Standard has no desire to crowd either gentlemen but surely it is time that something more was heard of that little matter of the Fullerton farm in Albert County.

It may be recalled that Mr. Carter used considerable Telegraph and Times space in an effort to prove that Hon. Mr. Murray was guilty of falsehood when he said that there was no mortgage on any farm properties in Albert County purchased by the Farm Settlement Board. Mr. Carter produced what he claimed was a statement from Hon. A. R. McClellan to the effect that the farm in question was under mortgage. In reply The Standard published the certificate of A. W. Bray, the Albert County barrister who searched the title of the property in question and on whose word that it was free from all encumbrance the Farm Settlement Board acquired it. Mr. Carter in reply admitted that there might be a mistake but followed this admission with the direful threat that unless Hon. Mr. Murray made some other statement he, Carter, would proceed to Albert County and dig up the awful facts. Mr. Murray's statement came from the records of the Farm Settlement Board while up to last evening Mr. Carter had not been heard from. Presumably he is still digging.

But Mr. Carter or the ex-Minister

of Public Works cannot strengthen their case by all the digging they may do. No evidence that might be produced can change the fact that the Board received the report that the farm was clear and acted accordingly; neither can Mr. Carter nor any person else show that the Minister for Agriculture made one statement to the Legislature which was not fully borne out by the records in the case. The matter of the Fullerton farm was brought up solely for the purpose of attempting to discredit Mr. Murray. In that it has been a miserable failure that is why Mr. Carter, Mr. Morrissey and their newspaper organs are so willing that the people should be allowed to forget about it.

Dr. Clark's Speech

The Standard herewith presents the full text of the remarkable speech delivered in the House of Commons by Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer, Alta., as it appears in the Hansard report for May 1st. It will well repay the most careful perusal, as it is one of the most noteworthy contributions to Canadian parliamentary debate in the last decade.

Mr. Michael Clark (Red Deer): "I intervene in this discussion with some reluctance, because I have a very great question in my mind as to whether this discussion should really be taking place. I think, Sir, there is room for grave doubt whether we are not losing our sense of proportion in the greatest crisis that has ever been passed through by this country by this Empire, by the world, and by the world's prospects of the advance of civilization. I intervene from a strict sense of duty, and because I think it would be unfortunate that a vote of this magnitude in connection with a war of this magnitude, should pass without a vote of clear support of the Government at this crisis, coming from this side of the House.

I come from a province where up to the present moment we have recruited 2,656 more men than make our quota towards the 500,000 at which the Government is aiming. That is a fact of which as an Albertan, I am reasonably proud, and that is a fact which I find the explanation, if it is to be found, in this: That the people of Alberta are not so much concerned whether the sugar is being got for the troops and the beating the Germans. I listened with very great care to the statement of my right hon. friend the Prime Minister from beginning to end. I listened to it calmly, and as I listened I was proud to be a citizen of Canada, and proud to be a citizen of Alberta because of what the present Government of Canada has done in connection with this war. There was certain times when I thought before my mind as I listened to that statement, and the first thing which I was impressed with was the magnitude of the burdens and the responsibilities which came upon the Government of Canada with the outbreak of the war, and the first thing which I was impressed with was the magnitude of the burdens and the responsibilities which came upon the Government of Canada with the outbreak of the war, and the first thing which I was impressed with was the magnitude of the burdens and the responsibilities which came upon the Government of Canada with the outbreak of the war.

The next thing that loomed out in front of me as I listened to the statement of the Prime Minister was the point that was referred to by the right hon. gentleman himself, and that was the tremendous task which had fallen upon a large and momentary force of the members of the staff of the Militia Department, and of the loyalty and devotion—which often, as the Prime Minister said, must have carried their names at the breaking point—with every member of that staff must have done his duty. The Government and the staff of the department had splendid support from another consideration, which was raised by the Prime Minister, because the spirit that animated the Government and the spirit that animated the staff of the Militia Department was, and is, I believe, Sir, in spite of the great majority of right thinking people in this country.

There was another thought that came to me, and it was the thought of gratitude, that though we have had this stupendous task thrown suddenly upon our Government, and especially upon the Militia Department, and though our people have had to make sacrifices and share in the carrying of the burden, yet we have such a magnificent heritage in this country, and our liberties are so protected by the flag under which we live, that none of us within this land has had to go with one meal less, nor one of us has had to go with any fear as to what is coming to us or coming to the Empire. I am grateful that I am in that position. I am thankful to the men at the front who are achieving this for us, and this, after all, is the greatest consideration. That is the greatest consideration that was raised by the Prime Minister's speech. We all echoed every sentiment he expressed as he recalled the way Canadians stood in the breach a year ago, and the way they are prepared to stand today and ahead the last drop of their blood for the flag, for the Empire, for the world's liberties, the world's fu-

Little Benny's Note Book

Pop was reading the paper in the sitting room and all of a sudden the wind banged the door shut, and pop jumped like anything saying, Good bye, confound it, you mite as well kill a man as scare him to death.
 Hee hee, sed ma laffin.
 How haw, sed pop, you woodent think it was so funny if it happened to you.
 It woodent happen to me, Im never alarmed without proper cause, sed ma.
 Posserby not, sed pop.
 Absolootly not, sed ma.
 O well, sed pop. And he started to read the paper agan, and all at wint he looked up and pointed at me, saying, Holey jumping Jukiter, that boys hed is axully attached to his neck.
 Wat, for hevnon sakes, sed ma. And she looked at me scared as anything, and pop sed, Ha ha ha, who was scared over nutthing (that time, ha ha, his hed is axully attached to his neck, ha ha ha.
 And you reely think I was scared, do you, sed ma.
 Think, ha ha, ha ha ha, think, thats a joak, axully attached to his neck, wats did you think it was attached to his feet, ha ha, sed pop. If you wats as smart as you think you are, youd be pritty smart, woodent you, sed ma.
 Ha ha ha, sed pop.
 It must be a pritty fine joak that you cant get enybody to laff at except yourself, sed ma.
 Ho ho, ha ha ha, did you think it was attached to his little finger, sed pop.
 Im going to the movies, thers mite be sumthing there to reely laff at, sed ma.
 Can I go with you, ma, I sed, and ma sed, Yes, your farther seems thoroly capable of amusing himself. And me and her went to the movies, pop keeping on laffing and saying, Ha, ha, maybe you thawt it was attached to his nee, ha ha ha.

history of our Empire and of the country, as a private individual citizen who happens for a moment to have a seat in Parliament, I have not time for criticism. My talk, and such effort as I am able to exert, have been from the beginning behind the clear-eyed purpose of the Prime Minister, and they are so now; and so, I believe, are the thoughts and efforts of the people of Canada. For I do believe that: that whatever criticisms are to be offered, whatever reputations are to be made or lost, this is not the time for these things. This is the time to stand under the flag that we all love, and for the greatest cause that ever animated our people and our people's allies, and behind a Government of whom history will record that, on the master and his government, and the majority of his supporters have taken that attitude and are determined to occupy it to the end, with a single eye to victory for a cause that transcends the squabbles of party—it is because the people believe this, that I believe they are behind the Government until the war is won."

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