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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.

## RETIREES WITH FINE RECORD.

No citizen who ever served in the City Council retired with a more creditable record than Rupert W. Wigmore, M. P., Commissioner of Water and Sewerage, who did not file nomination papers yesterday and consequently will not be a member of the next council. Commissioner Wigmore was an aggressive and competent member of the aldermanic board prior to the inception of the commission form of government. When it was decided to change the form he became a candidate for office and although he was not a member of the official commission ticket he had no difficulty in securing election. Since his first term he has never known defeat, and when he last appealed to the citizens for endorsement of his course as a member of the council, was elected with the largest vote ever given to a civic candidate. In the Dominion election of last December he contested the riding of St. John and Albert as the Conservative Unionist member of the Government ticket and once more gained the greatest majority ever given to any candidate for any office in this city. He has decided that as his duties at Ottawa during the next four or five years will demand the greater part of his time and attention it would be unfair to the thousands of people who supported him if he were to attempt to continue in the civic administration. For this decision he will be generally commended.

As Commissioner of Water and Sewerage Mr. Wigmore has given every satisfaction, and it will be with difficulty that his place at the council board will be filled. He has in his new position at Ottawa an opportunity to render splendid service and the fine record he has made in charge of a most important department of civic administration is, in itself, sufficient warrant for the statement that in the larger sphere the best interests of his constituency will even be his first consideration. Men like Rupert W. Wigmore are a distinct asset to any community.

## OUR DISGRACEFUL STREETS.

While it may be good business policy to curtail expenditures on the city streets when money is urgently required for other necessary work, yet in a city of the size and commercial importance of St. John it should be possible to spend at least enough to remove the accumulation of a winter's filth with which our thoroughfares are cumbered. We have had several days of fine, warm weather, with the result that the snow has been replaced by dirty mud banks. But if any effort has been made by a human agency to remove what the sun has left, the result, to say the least, is disappointing, for in their present shape our streets are not only disgraceful but almost a menace to public health.

The Commissioner of Public Works on a previous occasion when the condition of the streets was the subject of adverse comment, put up the defence that with a little delay much of the work of cleaning would be done by nature. Possibly he is waiting for the same assistance now. In that case citizens who object to walking through mud and over dirty ice on the principal streets of the city should cease criticizing and turn the energy so employed in the direction of prayers for a heavy rain that might wash away the filth. Of course there is another way of achieving the same end; the streets could be cleaned and flushed by the Works department. A former commissioner adopted that plan with good results, but his faith in the ability of nature may not have been profound. At any rate, it is high time the streets were cleaned either by nature or man. If nature won't do it, Mr. Fisher should.

## GET THE LEADERS.

Already the anti-draft riots in the city of Quebec have resulted in bloodshed and judging from latest reports from that city last night there is likely to be loss of life. Should this be the unfortunate development of the situation it is to be assumed that the Government will at once take steps to adequately punish the men who have incited their French-Canadian fellow citizens to put themselves in conflict with the national authority.

And it is not the actual ringleaders of the mobs who will be most culpable. While they must be punished, the arm of the law should reach above and behind them and gather in the Bourgeois and Levesques and Canons and other public men who, for years, have been preaching the

gospel of the grim effect of which is now manifested.

It is not to be supposed that these men will be found in the ranks of the rioters; regard for their own skins is too deep to permit them to take any such physical risk. But they should be called to account for the reasonable utterances with which they have, without cessation, advised resistance to the operation of the Military Service Act. There must be no temporizing. Canada is engaged in a struggle too vital to her very existence to permit of any half-way measures at this time. In this crisis every man who opposes the operation of the law of the land is a traitor and must be treated as such. A few years on the rock-pile at St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary is the least penalty for the traitorous agitators who have brought historic old Quebec to her present unhappy plight.

## THE CIVIC ELECTION.

From the gentlemen in the field as candidates for the two vacant commissionships there should be no difficulty in making a good selection. Commissioner J. V. Russell, who for the past four years has successfully administered the department of harbors, ferries and public lands, is offering for re-election. Commissioner Wigmore, of the water and sewerage department, will not be a candidate. Others in the field are Ex-Mayor Thos. H. Bullock and Ex-Mayor James H. Frink, John H. Thornton and E. J. Hillyard. Messrs. Bullock and Frink, through previous service in City Hall, are well known to the electors, while Messrs. Thornton and Hillyard, though making their debut in civic politics, have long been identified with the business life of the community and number hundreds of friends.

The field is not as large as it has been on former occasions but the men offering are all good citizens and any of them should be able to fulfil the requirements of the offices they seek. In fact it can be safely said that the quality of civic candidates this year will make up for their lack of numbers.

For the mayoralty Mayor Hayes wins a bloodless victory. He has been two years in the office and has administered it well. The fact that he is unopposed may be taken as an expression of public confidence in him upon which he is to be congratulated. Between now and election day candidates and their friends will be busy in what promises to be one of the most interesting contests we have had in years.

Some of the heaviest fighting of the past week has occurred in and around the village of Moreuil, a few miles from Amiens, on the western front. On Saturday and Sunday the village changed hands four times and finally remained in the possession of the British and French troops. It now transpires that a portion of the British force consisted of Canadians who were thus in the very thick of the engagement and, as was expected, acquitted themselves so gallantly as to win the approval of their superiors. Since this war commenced the men from Canada have played an important part in practically all the great battles of the western front. And they have never yet given way before the enemy.

This is civic election day in Montreal. No other Canadian city has had such a shameful civic administration as the Canadian metropolis and the man above all others responsible for that is the same man who has the unblushing effrontery to again seek the suffrages of the people. If citizens of Montreal vote today as they ought to vote Joseph Alney will be chief magistrate of that city tonight and the disgraceful reign of Mederic Martin will have ended forever.

The principle of votes for the women is gaining new converts every day. Last night two of the Anglican churches in the city decided to give women the vote in all parish church elections. The decision was well taken.

## CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

Ottawa, April 1.—An increase of \$13,731,938 in the customs collections of the Dominion for the fiscal year which ended on Saturday is shown by the monthly report of the Customs Department. During the twelve months ended March, duties collected totalled \$159,651,048. For the previous twelve months the amount collected was \$145,949,107.

## A BIT OF VERSE

### THE HAPPY ROAD.

It's a long road to achievement, but a fine road all the way:  
Smooth or stony, doesn't matter greatly if the highway lay.  
We're advancing, with our faces turning upward all the while,  
With a sure belief forever bracing us to song and smile.

It's a long road to achievement, and sometimes a grim road, too,  
But it's through determined effort that our lives grow fine and true.  
And the sun will soon be shining as the arching rainbows play  
In the sky above the meadows, and our cares will drift away.

It's a long road to achievement and the goal seems mountain high  
In our dreams, but we shall find it if we're faithful, bye and bye.  
Oh we'll make the rarest friendships, and we'll find the bluest skies!  
It's a long road to achievement, but it's there that gladness lies.  
—Myrtella Southland.

### A BIT OF FUN

#### Perfectly Pleased.

"My husband really likes this Hoover programme," commented Mrs. Cumro.  
"Why?"  
"He says it gives him a chance to eat the plain food he most enjoys without exciting comment."—Washington Star.

#### A Choice of Evils.

Porter—"There's only two hotels left. It's Murphy's or O'Neill's you're wanting?"  
Visitor—"Which is best?"  
Porter—"Bedad, sorr, I can't say. If ye stop at one ye'll be wishin' ye'd stopped at the other.—Passing Show.

#### Wasted Energy.

"What a pity Narcissus, who pined away because he couldn't bat or sleep for admiring his own beauty, didn't live in these times."  
"Why, how would that have helped him?"

"Your poor boob, he could have kept out on admiring himself and got a lot out of it as a movie idol."—Baltimore American.

#### And Teacher Fainted.

"Good morning, children," said the arithmetic teacher. "How many of you have prepared an original problem in multiplication, as I requested?"  
Only one hand went up.

"Well, William, you may give your problem, and the rest of the class may solve it."

"If my baby sister is a year old now and weighs twenty pounds, and keeps on gaining two ounces a day until she is 16 years old; and if the price of living doubles again in the next ten years, how much will my sister's graduation outfit cost? Mother says she would like to know."—People's Home Journal.

## LOCAL FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING

Decided to Leave Campaign for Conservation in Hands of Various Women's Societies—Increased Production Left to War Gardens Association.

At a meeting of the local food control committee held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms it was decided to leave the campaign for conservation in the hands of the various women's societies and the increased production campaign in the hands of the War Gardens Association organized by the Rotary Club. Dr. Kierstead, provincial representative of the Food Controller, was present and told the gathering something of the work already accomplished in the way of conservation and production.

J. H. Frink, chairman of the local committee, presided and introduced as the first speaker Dr. W. C. Kierstead, provincial representative of the Food Controller. Dr. Kierstead outlined the steps already taken in the province toward the conservation of food supplies and an increase in the production of food stuffs for the coming season. He pointed out the necessity for as large a production this year as could possibly be made in view of the shortage of food in Europe.

He told of the steps which had been taken in organizing the province and gave the reasons why it had been impossible for him to meet with the St. John committee sooner.

He thought it would be a good thing to divide the work between the women's organizations and the men. He would leave the work of conservation to the women as this lay more in their province and they could push this part of the work. They had at

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## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Pop and me got all dressed up to go to the opera last night on account of somebody having gave me 2 tickets, and pop was in his room having a fasso time trying to tie his wife tie in a little bow and I was there watching him, pop saying, confound it, hang it, the idea of expecting a big strong man to tie a dinky little thing like this around his big strong neck, if this is one of the earmarks of civilization, put me back in the jungles, blast it, hang it, there it goes again.

And every time he almost got it tied it came undid again, and I sed, Wy dont you jest tie it in a knot, pop?

Yours so brite you shine all over, sed pop.  
Meaning I wasent, and he kepp on trying to tie it with his elbows sticking strate out, and the tie kepp on coming undid, and pritty soon I sed, Wy dont you jest leave it undid, and maybe people will think it came undid by accidint.

Wy dont you pertend you were born without the power of speech, and maybe people will think theres nothing rong with you, sed pop.

And he kepp on trying and tawking to himself mad, and the tie kepp on coming undid, and pritty soon I sed, Maybe if you shut your eyes and try it maybe it will werk all rite.

That sounds so itreemly foolish and unreasonable that I bleeve Ill try it, sed pop.

With he did, shutting his eyes and making his hands move any old way, and wat did the tie do but tie fine.

Well Ill be switched, sed pop. Benny, please consider that I owe you a tpology and a dime.

With I dont care about the tpology and I dont know weather Ill get the dime or not, me any having asked for it 3 times so far.

ready done valuable work in the direction and the matter he felt could well be left to them.

In the matter of increased production he would leave this in the hands of the War Gardens Association which had been organized by the Rotary Club, as he was sure from the way they had already taken hold of the problem it would be successfully solved if left to them.

Rev. F. S. Dowling referred to the reports afloat regarding the spoiling of food in the cold storage warehouses and said these were poisoning the minds of the public with regard to these plants.

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