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THE BATTLE OF ARRAS

The battle now in progress on the Arras line, where the British and Canadians are driving with tremendous force against the German lines, is described as one of the fiercest of the whole war. It may be doubted, however, if it is as deadly as some of the struggles at Verdun. Nevertheless the Germans are said to have made great preparations for it, and to have rushed up reserves and more guns, and to have been especially energetic in placing machine guns in every conceivable place to dispute the British and Canadian advance.

There is cause for satisfaction in the fact that the battle is going in favor of the British, and that while ground is steadily being gained the enemy's counter attacks are everywhere repulsed with loss.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

The Foster government has taken a firm step in securing the services of a firm of chartered accountants of national reputation to do in New Brunswick what they have done in Manitoba and are doing in British Columbia. This government must not be held responsible for the sins of its predecessors, and the only way to avoid that is to have at the outset an authoritative statement of the financial position of the province.

The government began well by its appointment of a provincial inspector under the prohibitory law. It does well in the matter of an examination of provincial finances. Lieut. Gov. Wood and his new advisers would also do well to apply the probe to Valley Railway affairs, and some others which need to have the light of day turned upon them.

The opposition were wise in not contesting the election. To have done so would have brought further discredit as well as defeat upon them. They staid in office too long after their defeat in the general elections, and thus delayed public business. The new government could not feel free until today to devote their whole time to departmental affairs. That they will now act with vigor and in the public interest may fairly be expected.

SELF-ABNEGATION

We learn with interest, from the St. John Standard, that his friends are still the rulers of this province. It assures its readers that the untested by-election candidates could not have been defeated. "Yesterday's result does not mean that the Conservative opposition did not oppose the choice through fear of fighting losing battles. In at least two of the seats there was a good chance of victory had candidates been placed in the field and a vigorous campaign waged. But it was felt that as the Foster party had been entrusted with the reins of power through the votes of the constituencies where the Acadian vote predominated, the best way to expose the weakness of the outfit so chosen was by allowing it to get to business as soon as possible."

The magnanimity of the Standard's friends is wonderful. At first, when the count of noses after the battle showed them to be in a minority, they decided to retain office and meet the house. Out of sheer pity for Mr. Foster and his party, however, they changed their minds, but resolved to contest the by-elections and there to bury the Foster candidates and the Foster hopes out of sight. But more reflection developed more pity, and it was finally resolved not to contest any seat, but to permit Mr. Foster and his weaklings to have at least one brief day of unalloyed satisfaction with themselves. When the house

meets, however, the license will be revoked, and the whitewashers of Fleumning will resume their beneficent sway. This is all very simple, but there is of course the possibility of still another outburst of pity and magnanimity, which would leave Mr. Foster and his friends in power for a still longer period. Indeed it is quite possible that the members of the old government party may be so busy hunting cover when the house meets that they will be very glad to let Mr. Foster or anybody else conduct the affairs of the province.

POVERTY AND TRUANCY

A group of children were before the court last week charged with truancy. The plea of some mothers in such cases is that they are not able to clothe their children properly for school, and therefore keep them at home. The secretary of the Children's Aid Society says from his observation there is ground for this complaint. Is not this the most conclusive proof of the need of organized community work? Promiscuous charity is fatal to independence, but a trained community worker would be able to go into the household budget in any such case, set right what was wrong about it, and get the necessary assistance without pauperizing the family or encouraging the spirit of shiftlessness.

There are in this city today large families who do not have sufficient money coming in to enable them to feed and clothe the children as it should be done. There are also mothers who know little about domestic economy that they do not get value for the money expended. The citizens in general cannot evade responsibility for the care of the children, however little they may respect the parents. Society pays in full measure, sooner or later, for its disregard of living conditions among the poor. Let us have a school census, an enforcement of the compulsory attendance law, and such organized community work as will help the very poor to solve their problems, and compel the shiftless to mend their ways for the sake of their little ones. It means so much to the community as a whole that one wonders why the subject is treated with such general indifference in a Christian city.

The British delegates are being accorded every honor in Washington. The United States has not entered the war in any half-hearted way. A new era in Anglo-American relations has dawned, and the visit of Mr. Balfour will do much to cement the new bond of unity.

It is a wise decision on the part of the Foster government to make an agricultural expert instead of a narrow political partisan the deputy minister of agriculture. Business principles are recognized by the new cabinet.

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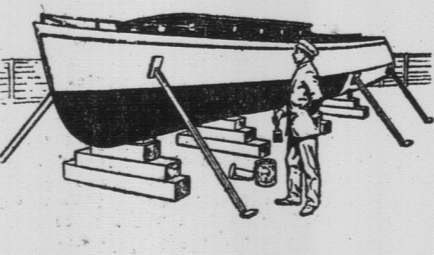
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