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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 OLD GRIT GAME.

If Sir Wilfrid Laurier were to arise in his place in the House of Commons and declare that he had heard from the boy who sells papers in the Commons corridor, who, in turn, had gained his information from the crossing sweeper, who wields the broom in front of the Parliament buildings, who had been told by a door man at the Rideau Club, that one of Sir Sam Hughes' cuff buttons had been found in the Parliamentary library after the fire, and that, therefore, this "inside" information furnished presumptive evidence that Sir Sam was a German sympathizer and, in that capacity, fired the Parliament buildings, newspapers of the Telegraph and Times type would at once proceed to clamor for an investigation under oath into all the circumstances. Moreover, they would seize upon the Laurier statement as a text on which to base editorial opinions that the Minister of Militia, and all the other members of the Borden Government, were German agents, and so long as they remained out of jail the cause of the Empire could not prosper.

The machine Grit newspapers are engaged in a very similar campaign now in connection with the awarding of shell contracts to Canadian manufacturers. In Parliament, on Wednesday, Sir Wilfrid gave notice that he would ask for the appointment of a special parliamentary committee to enquire into all matters in connection with such contracts, not with the idea of securing information that may or may not be of value, but in the hope of creating political capital for use in the next election campaign, even though there can be no such campaign before October, 1917.

Sir Wilfrid's action is lauded by the Times in an article in which it plainly seeks to convey that the men in the Conservative party are thieves and falsifiers, that newspapers which venture to point out the obstacles in the way of granting Sir Wilfrid's request are actuated by fear of "exposure," and that the only safe course is to hold an investigation and allow the Carvells and the Kytes and the Pugsleys of the Grit party to flood the country with poison gas.

Instead of seeking to assist the Government in grappling with the arduous problems brought by the war, the Liberal leader and his newspaper supporters are endeavoring to arouse a prejudice against the Canadian people, and to bring the Borden and his colleagues are not worthy of confidence and support. If this is not done for political effect the question may very properly be asked what is the object of the outcry at this time?

Sir Wilfrid and his followers have complained of the methods adopted by the Shell Committee to secure speedy delivery of the war munitions so urgently required by the Allies. Canadian manufacturers were not at all anxious to engage in the uncertain business of shell production, and, in order to induce them to take up such work, prices were offered somewhat higher than otherwise would be the case. It may not be particularly charitable at this time to deal with past political matters but it should not be forgotten that the men who are now raising the clamor in connection with the shell contracts, who complain of the manner in which contracts were awarded and inducements offered to promote speedy delivery of the desired product, are the same men who barred the way against the urgent building of Canadian superdreadnoughts when the British authorities asked that such ships should be supplied. The Liberal action then showed a deplorable lack of judgment; the Liberal action today is very similar in its character. Such complaints as those voiced by Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell, and revived by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's request for an inquiry, tend to set the mass of the Canadian people against the shell-makers, against the men who, by their courage and energy, placed Canada in a position to contribute very materially to the success of the allied campaign in France and Flanders.

If there has been anything wrong in the manufacture of shells in Canada it should be easy for Sir Wilfrid and his newspapers to secure information

about it on their own account, without an inquiry such as asked for. Most of the shell contractors were Liberals and it is not on record that they have changed their politics. They are still found supporting Laurier, they still attend Liberal committee meetings and retain their standing in the party. Why then did not Sir Wilfrid and his lieutenant, Pugsley, summon those gentlemen to their councils and get the information at first hand?

If, for instance, the contracts in which Sir John people are interested were not obtained honestly, or handled fairly or if the product was not up to the standard, why does Mr. Pugsley not summon Mr. George McAvity to the witness box and get his views? Why do the Telegraph and Times not accept The Standard's challenge and interview Messrs. Cudlip and Fleming? The reason is obvious; they dare not take the risk.

But leaving the local contracts completely out of the question, there still remains an opportunity for Sir Wilfrid to learn all about shell making. Hon. George P. Graham, in the House the other day, told of his own connection with shell making. He admitted that he was identified with one of the companies making shells and that shells were made at a good profit. Did Mr. Graham violate the independence of Parliament Act by accepting a government contract? If he did he has no more right to sit in the House of Commons than Mr. Garland or Mr. DeWitt Foster. If the contract was not one over which the Borden Government had control, then there is no ground for an investigation of it, or of any of the others.

The fact that Sir Wilfrid failed to avail himself of such seemingly golden opportunities to glean information concerning the "shell scandals," and that Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and the Telegraph and Times have not dared to get statements from Mr. McAvity, or Mr. Cudlip, or Mr. Fleming, is reasonable evidence that they do not want the facts. What they do desire is to bring the Government into disrepute, to blacken the reputation of the shell makers in Canada and to trail the honor of this country in the dust at a time when the whole thought of the nation should be directed to a policy of co-operating with the authorities in every possible manner. Yet those same Liberal leaders and newspapers will hypocritically declare that in war times there should be no dissension, no political strife, and, above all, no opportunity for the Canadian electorate to stamp with their ballots a complete disapproval of the course of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters. It is the old Grit game.

THE LATE MR. STONE.

The Conservative party in the City of St. John lost a staunch supporter and valued counsellor in the death of Joseph R. Stone which occurred last evening at his home, Germain street. Although for several years in failing health, Mr. Stone maintained his cheerful spirit and unfailing optimism to the last and up to a short time ago was a familiar and well known figure on the streets.

Mr. Stone was always to be found on the side of all movements making for the prosperity and well being of St. John and although he never accepted an office in the gift of the people he was, in his quiet unostentatious way, a most valuable citizen. In the express business, with which he had for many years been identified, he was regarded as one of the foremost Canadian authorities and the story of his business life is practically the history of the development of that business in the Maritime Provinces.

Politically the deceased was a staunch and consistent Conservative. He was an ardent follower of the late Sir John A. Macdonald and in his party allegiance never wavered. For many years he was a member of the local executive of the party and his advice and counsels were always sought by his associates. On the coming into power of the Government led by Hon. J. D. Hazen Mr. Stone yielded to solicitations to become a commissioner for the Central Railway and in that position did very valuable work.

An upright, kindly gentleman, he made very many friends by whom he was held in the highest esteem and

regard and by his death St. John suffers the loss of one of her best citizens. The sympathy of the entire City will be extended to his family in their hour of trial.

The people of New Brunswick will unite today in the hope that Hon. George J. Clarke will speedily recover from the sudden attack of illness with which he was stricken last evening. Premier Clarke can ill be spared at this juncture in the affairs of the province and his restoration to complete health will be in accordance with the wishes and prayers of all.

Appropos of the investigation into the recent fire in the Parliament buildings at Ottawa the St. Croix Courier has the following:

"What's the use of appointing a commission to enquire into the origin of the fire that destroyed the Parliament building at Ottawa? Just wait until the member for Carleton gets an opportunity to speak in the house, and, in his own gentlemanly way, he will make it quite clear that Sir Sam Hughes, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Robert Rogers carried in the bombs. Hon. Martin Burrell placed them in position and Sir R. L. Borden set them off. A prominent religious publication will commend him for his enterprise and it will all be settled without the expense and bother of a commission."

ANNUAL SEED FAIR AT YARMOUTH A GREAT SUCCESS

Special to The Standard.

Yarmouth, Feb. 9.—The third annual seed fair, under the auspices of the Yarmouth County Farmers' Association was held in the Exhibition Building on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. It was in every way far beyond its predecessors. There were in all 114 entries and a considerable amount was paid out in prizes. The seeds and vegetables shown were of exceptionally high quality, one exhibition of Cornish turnip sets in particular being pronounced by the judges as perfect—perfect in every way. Following are the names of the prize winners:

Wheat, any variety named—1st, Wm. H. Palmer; 2nd, G. T. Lewis; 3rd, John C. Corning.
Barley, any variety named—1st, John C. Corning.
Rye, any variety named—1st, John C. Corning; 2nd, Adolphus Corning.
Oats, Banner—1st, John C. Corning; 2nd, Adolphus Corning.
Oats, any other variety—1st, John C. Corning.
Peas, field, any variety—1st, J. K. Trask.
Peas, garden, Strategem—1st, J. K. Trask; 2nd, Wm. D. Pinkey; 3rd, John C. Corning.
Peas, garden, Prosperity—1st, Chas. H. Doane.
Peas, garden, Telephone—1st, Wm. D. Pinkey.
Beans, bush, Mohawk—1st, George C. Killam; 2nd, J. K. Trask; 3rd, Asa Crosby.
Beans, bush, any other variety—1st, J. K. Trask; 2nd, Chas. W. Patten; 3rd, Wm. D. Pinkey.
Beans, pole, Scarlet Runner—1st, Wm. H. Palmer; 2nd, Murray Corning; 3rd, J. K. Trask.
Beans, pole, any other variety—1st, Asa Crosby; 2nd, Charles H. Doane.
Six ears yellow corn—1st, Asa Crosby.
Six ears sweet corn—1st, J. K. Trask.
Turnip seed, Corning—1st, Adolphus Corning; 2nd, John C. Corning; 3rd, Harry Cann.
Turnip sets, Corning—1st, Asa Crosby; 2nd, John C. Corning; 3rd, Murray Corning.
Beet, table—1st, John C. Corning; 2nd, Charles H. Doane; 3rd, Harry Cann.
Beet sets, table—1st, Murray Corning.



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BY LEE PAPE.

Pop was laying back half asleep in the Morris chair last night and all of a sudden ma started to sniff with her nose, saying, Willyum, do I smell gas.
No, and pop without opening his eyes.
And pretty soon ma started to sniff agen, saying, Willyum, I do.
No wa, sed pop opening one eye.
Smell gas, sed ma.
Do you, sed pop. And he shut his eye agen, and ma sed, Didnt you heer, Willyum, I sed I smell gas.
I dont smell anything, sed pop. And he rubbed his eyes and stood up and started to sniff, and then he reached up to the chandelier and sed, Sure enuff, its this loose one.
And he layed back in the chair agen, saying, You better tern it off.
Wat, sed ma, do you mean to say you havent terned it off.
Youve got me, Stuvah, sed pop, the idee of routing me out of a comfortable nap instead of reaching up and finding out for yourself.
And he shut his eyes agen and ma sed, Well, I never. And she got up on a chair and terned the thing so the gas woodent escape any more.

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Best, feeding—1st, Harry Cann; 2nd, Wm. D. Pinkey; 3rd, John C. Corning.

Best sets, feeding—1st, Harry Cann; 2nd, John C. Corning; 3rd, Wm. D. Pinkey.

Parasips—1st, Wm. D. Pinkey; 2nd, John C. Corning; 3rd, Chas. H. Doane.

Parasip sets—1st, Wm. D. Pinkey; 2nd, John C. Corning; 3rd, Asa Crosby.

Carrots—1st, John C. Corning; 2nd, Wm. D. Pinkey.

Carrot sets—1st, Harry Cann; 2nd, Wm. D. Pinkey; 3rd, Asa Crosby.

Cabbage, Danish Ballhead—1st, Chas. H. Doane; 2nd, J. K. Trask.

Cabbage, any other variety—1st, Wm. D. Pinkey.

Cabbage sets, any other variety—1st, Wm. D. Pinkey.

Potatoes, Gold Coin—1st, Harry Cann; 2nd, John C. Corning; 3rd, Edson Poole.

Potatoes, Beauty of Hebron—1st, Asa Crosby; 2nd, Murray Corning.

Potatoes, Early Bangor—1st, Chas. H. Doane; 2nd, John C. Corning.

Potatoes, White Mountain—1st, Asa Crosby; 2nd, Gilbert Allen.

Potatoes, Noroton Beauty—1st, Asa Crosby; 2nd, Chas. H. Doane.

Potatoes, Home Comfort—1st, Asa Crosby; 2nd, Chas. H. Doane.

Potatoes, Mortgage Lifter—2nd, Gilbert Allen.

Potatoes, Carman—1st, Wm. H. Palmer; 2nd, Chas. W. Patten; 3rd, Gilbert Allen.

Potatoes, Lee's Favorites—1st, Chas. H. Doane; 2nd, Asa Crosby; 3rd, Geo. M. Spurr.

Potatoes, any other variety—1st, Chas. W. Patten; 2nd, Chas. H. Doane; 3rd, Murray Corning.

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