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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.

### GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS.

There is a distinct revival of the reports that Germany is ready for peace and as on former occasions there is no disposition to regard them with any measure of acceptance.

On the other hand, if one is to judge from opinions expressed by some British newspapers and public men there is rather a feeling of resentment over the reported unwillingness of the Kaiser and his advisers to "take their medicine."

Twenty-two months ago Germany could have had peace for the asking and the world would have been saved from the terrible deluge of blood and tears. At that time the whole world except Germany was for peace, for it is doubtful if Austria would not have been willing to take reasonable measures to avoid a world war. Germany, however, would have none of it. Her determination was to draw the sword and by its power win world domination.

After twenty-two months of war she has failed. Beaten, frustrated in her plans of conquest, all but conquered, she is now willing to "accept peace" if it is offered to her.

The savage brutality of the German campaign is well set forth in the graphic story "My Home in the Field of Honor." That story tells how in offensive people of Belgium were butchered and their homes destroyed, how tribute was laid on terror-stricken non-combatants and evils unprintable were the lot of thousands who stood in the way of the invading despoilers.

The young men of Belgium were for the most part passed on the field of honor but the old men, the women and children of that martyred nation will live to execrate the Hun with their every breath.

After these things, after the slaughter of the Lusitania victims, after the deeds of butchery by land and sea, the violation of the most sacred pledges of nations and men—after all these things German apologists come with unblushing effrontery and announce that their nation is prepared to "accept peace."

The suggestion should but increase the determination to prosecute this struggle to a finish, until the nation responsible for the world's grief shall be made to drink to the last bitter dregs the cup of misery she has to the lips of the world. Then—but not before—Germany's insolent suggestion may find acceptance.

### A "DRY MANITOBA."

The Macdonald Act, which becomes operative in the Province of Manitoba today is much like the New Brunswick Prohibition Act in its general features although it permits more liberties than the legislation which has been placed on the statute books of this province to go into effect on May 1st next.

The provisions of the Manitoba Act as summarized by the Winnipeg Free Press are as follows:

### WHAT CANNOT BE DONE.

Liquor cannot be kept nor consumed in private rooms in hotels nor in bachelors' quarters. When a home where liquor is kept and consumed becomes a public nuisance because of drunkenness, gambling, rows, or disorderly conduct, the householder can be charged with an offence under the Temperance Act and one conviction automatically causes the place to lose its status as a private dwelling house for the purpose of this act.

No one can buy liquor at wholesale or commission houses. Wholesale and commission businesses cannot be carried on in the same quarters. They must be separate.

Wholesale houses cannot occupy the same quarters with any other business.

Commission houses cannot purchase liquor and then resell it under the guise of having taken an order.

Wholesalers cannot accept an order from a visiting resident of another province and ship the liquor out of the province. The entire transaction must not take place inside the province. One of the parties to the deal must be outside the province.

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Any quantity of liquor can be kept in any private dwelling. In a private home friends can be treated. Supplies of liquor can be ordered by mail or wire from outside the province and shipped in local commission houses.

Druggists can sell liquor only on a doctor's prescription, and also for scientific or sacramental purposes.

Regulations regarding patent medicines, tinctures, etc., will remain as at present. Wholesale liquor stores may receive and fill orders from outside the province. They may import and carry stocks of liquor for export purposes.

Commission merchants can take orders for liquor, have the order filled from outside the province. Brewers can continue their manufacture, but their sales must be outside the province.

All legitimate business using alcohol, such as vinegar and extract manufacturers, can continue as before, as the act merely aims at the abuse of drinking and will be administered with that idea in view.

### AFTER THE BATTLE.

The Daily Telegraph yesterday was a peculiar mixture of crowing and crow-eating in about equal proportions. The Telegraph screamed with delight over the result in Westmorland, canonized Mr. Organizer Carter and Mr. P. J. Veniot, and incidentally, took opportunity to praise Mr. Carvell.

The Telegraph also retracted its statements against Hon. J. A. Murray, rather than go into court with that gentleman, and published the following interesting letter:

Montreal, May 29, 1916.  
Gentlemen—We have received instructions from Prudential Trust Co., Ltd., to notify you that the statement contained in your issue of the 26th instant in the article headed "Bombshell in Westmorland" etc., etc., to the effect:

"That the said Hon. J. K. Flemming received the sum of \$9,000 from the Prudential Trust Company of Montreal" is absolutely false, and Prudential Trust Co., Ltd., has instructed us to give on its behalf an absolute and unqualified denial to such an allegation.

We would ask you to give to this denial the same publicity as you have given to the article referred to.

Your obedient servants,  
BARNARD, MCKENNA & CHOQUETTE,  
Attorneys for Prudential Trust Company, Limited.

It is characteristic of the Telegraph's tactics that it did not have the decency to do justice to Mr. Murray or to the Prudential Trust Company until after the Westmorland election in which the slanders circulated by our contemporary had the expected effect.

It is also interesting to note that A. W. Bray has written to the Montreal Times in connection with the Fullerton farm matter to the effect that the assignment of mortgage to ex-Governor McClellan was recorded on May 18th of this year.

This furnishes refutation of the third Telegraph slander.

In all probability the last has not been heard of these matters.

### "OFFICERS PAY AND EXPENSES."

Under the above heading the Toronto Mail and Empire deals with a subject of much interest and importance to young Canadians who have donned the khaki and taken commissions in the King's army. The Mail and Empire says:

"Canada's army is founded upon the British tradition, and that tradition is followed even when it ought to be discarded. For instance, the British tradition is that the officers should all be 'gentlemen,' in the narrow, technical sense of that word. It is taken for granted that they belong to families of wealth and influence. In the old days men who rose from the ranks were not only unwelcome, but steps were taken to prevent any but men of private means from serving, as officers' commissions were not earned, they were bought, and only a man with an independent income could afford to buy a commission and afterwards live on his pay. In deference to a growing spirit of democracy, the practice of purchasing commissions was abolished. They have now to be secured by passing a competitive examination, or by distinguished services in the field. Nevertheless, the abolition of the practice of selling commissions has not made it greatly easier for a man of little or no private means to live as an officer in the army. It is not much easier in Canada than in England."

"In the Canadian army a lieutenant receives \$2 a day and is allowed 60c a day as sustenance; a captain gets \$5 and a sustenance allowance of \$30; a major, \$4 and \$1; a colonel, \$6 and \$15. Considering the qualifications and responsibilities of the officers the pay and sustenance allowances are small. The officers have to buy their own uniforms; they have to buy their own boots; they have to buy even their own binoculars and their own revolvers. Fortunately, they are not compelled to buy their own ammunition. Since a pair of boots may cost \$15, a revolver \$30, and a pair of binoculars \$65, it is obviously impossible for a lieutenant to keep himself well equipped out of his pay and his sustenance allowance. In other words, an officer who has not some private means finds it hard to make ends meet. In fairness, the officers ought not to be forced to pay for the privilege of fighting for their country. The least the nation should do is to supply the officers as well as the men with everything needed for their comfort and their efficiency."

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### The Result in Westmorland

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## Little Benny's Note Book

My Dollar Watch.  
O I've got a dollar watch  
I've had it since last May,  
And if I wind it hard enough  
It sometimes goes all day.  
O its hour hand is hole  
But its mint hand is half,  
And I throw it way up and catch it again  
To make the fellows laugh.  
O winks it had an accident  
Being winks it failed to catch it,  
And to find out why it wouldn't go,  
I took off the back with a hatchet.  
O I poked its wheels with a screw driver  
And pored sewing machine oil all three of it,  
And though I didn't quite repair it,  
I properly made it easier for the man in the clock store to do it.  
O no matter what time the rite time is,  
Its either slow or fast,  
And shares 31 cents in the back of it  
And I sell it cheap if I dares.

friends in every part of the county; yet if his defeat yesterday results in a better organization of the Government forces, not only here in Westmorland county, but all over the province, it will not have been altogether in vain. It is a mighty poor politics to blame the opposition organization in an election campaign. If the Government party in Westmorland had had good organizers of their own Mr. Mahoney would have been Minister of Public Works today.

### "No Heroes Wanted"

According to a Berne message, the chief of the Italian General Staff, General Cadorna, has a strong objection to "showy" officers who risk their own lives and those of their men in acts of bravado which have no real military value. "We have no use for heroes of romance," he says. When Peppino Garibaldi, who is noted for his reckless courage, sought a commission in the Italian army, after having served in the earlier part of the war as a volunteer in France, he was recommended by D'Annunzio as "one of our bravest." "That is bad," retorted General Cadorna tersely. "He sings and laughs amid a hail of enemy explosives," continued D'Annunzio. "Bad, bad," replied General Cadorna. "At the mere sight of him his men become seized with an enthusiasm

that leads them to rush joyfully to death in an intoxication of holy ardour," proceeded D'Annunzio. "Worse and worse," responded General Cadorna.

"What qualities, then, are required?" asked D'Annunzio. "I am of opinion," answered General Cadorna, "that he should be taught first of all not to get killed himself and not to expose his men without need. An officer who is worthy of his position does not fear death, but he does not despise life. He must be cool, methodical and serious."

### PERSONAL.

Miss Stella McDonald of Campbellton was a guest of the Dufferin yesterday.

George D. Prescott of Albert was at the Dufferin yesterday.

L. A. Richardson of Blacks Harbor was at the Dufferin yesterday.

H. F. Morton of Penobscot was at the Dufferin yesterday.

N. W. Eveleigh of Sussex was at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. A. Leane of Moncton was at the Dufferin yesterday.

W. Dunn and D. W. Macdonald, also of Moncton, were at the Dufferin yesterday.

B. Frank Smith, M. L. A. of East Florenceville, is a guest of the Victoria yesterday.

A. J. Macdonald of Moncton was at the Royal yesterday.

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