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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.

## CANADA'S LOAFERS.

The first case to come before a St. John court under the anti-loafer law was heard in the Police Court yesterday, when a resident of West St. John faced the Magistrate charged by a constable with being an habitual loafer. Evidence in the case developed that while the prisoner possesses a workmanlike knowledge of a useful trade he has not applied it, but prefers to subsist on the earnings of his wife, who is engaged in janitor service. He was remanded to jail and it is to be hoped that, unless he enters into an undertaking to engage at once in useful work, he will be dealt with in a manner that will prove a warning to others who may be similarly inclined to a life of ease.

This is no time for the idler, and while it is not expected that the Order-in-Council under which idleness is declared to be an offence against the law of the land, will stimulate to continuous productive work those who hitherto have not exerted themselves in that direction, it will at least afford the authorities an opportunity of directing useless lives into useful channels.

The general belief is that Canada is a nation of workers, and it will probably be a great surprise to many to learn that the returns of the 1911 census showed that the number of Canadians reported as engaged in gainful occupations was 2,823,834, while those for whom no occupation was returned totalled almost 5,000,000. Of course it does not follow that all who are not listed as workers in gainful occupations are loafers or loafers, but it is very evident that this country possesses an army of potential laborers whose abilities have not yet been used to the full. In an emergency such as the present those men and women should be sought out. Canada needs workers now more than at any previous period in her history. While the flower of our manhood is absent, fighting for the preservation of our homes, there should be neither place nor tolerance in Canada for those who will not willingly assist to keep the home fires burning. The fate of St. John's first recorded loafer will be awaited with interest.

## SIR LEONARD TILLEY.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of one of the most illustrious of New Brunswick's sons will be fittingly honored on the King's Square this afternoon. On May 5th, 1818, Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, for years the recognized leader of the temperance cause in New Brunswick, one of the Fathers of Confederation, the holder of important positions in the pre-Confederation Governments of this province, a member of the first Canadian Government following Confederation, twice Minister of Finance for Canada and twice Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, was born in Gagetown. Coming to St. John when a mere boy, he passed practically the whole of his useful life in this city, and the story of his career is largely the history of New Brunswick's political and business life for more than half a century.

Sir Leonard Tilley easily stands as the New Brunswicker whose public career was most distinguished. In his prime an intellectual giant, living in a time of big men, when the Canadian Federation was in its birth throes, he has won a place in the history of his country that will ever remain secure. It is a matter for sincere and hearty congratulation that today, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, his beloved wife, Lady Alice Tilley, is still enjoying good health and is an active centre of all movements having for their purpose the uplifting and benefitting of mankind. Since the outbreak of war Lady Tilley has given unreservedly of her time and talents to the various patriotic causes and her work in this connection will be long remembered. To that estimable lady it must be a great source of joy to know that her son, Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., although yet a young man, has already taken a prominent place in the public life of the province which so long benefited from the energy and great ability of his illustrious father.

## OUR MAN-POWER.

One of the arguments still used by those who oppose the operation of the Military Service Act is that if the draft of men for the army continues it will seriously impair the man-power of Canada. Those who offer such a statement have but a most inadequate idea of this country's resources. If Canada were compelled to do so she could send to the war front three times the number of men who have already gone forward and this without causing serious

interruption or interference to any of the essential industries or undertakings of the country. We may as well be frank about it and admit that in the number of men she has sent to the colors Canada has not yet approached the record of other British dominions.

In an address at Bowmanville, Ontario, recently, Hon. N. W. Rowell, of the Canadian Government, brought this point out very strongly by the use of interesting comparisons. To equal the figures of Australia, he said, Canada would have to give 125,000 more men; to equal New Zealand, 200,000 more; while to come up to South Africa, 400,000 more would have to be sent. If we were to equal England's contribution of men, Canada would have to supply 600,000 more than she has already supplied, and if we were to do as much as France has done it would be necessary to contribute 800,000 more.

Canada can spare another hundred thousand, or, if need be, double that number without courting either danger or disaster. What we lack in this country is the complete organization of the man-power at home for the essential work to be done in this country and the utilization of female labor to do work now being done by men who should be released for military service. The Government now has a national registration plan which, in a way, is a measure preparatory to this policy. It does not come too soon, for during every day, on every city street and country road can be found men, strong, physically fit men, engaged in tasks for which there is no war-warrant and which could be performed, if not as well, at least well enough to meet present conditions, by the heroic and capable women of this country.

## FOOD MARKETS AFTER THE WAR.

So much has been said about the prospect of a world food famine after the war that a contrary view from an authority is interesting. The president of the United States Food Administration, Grain Corporation, Julius Barnes, is not impressed with the idea. In fact, he looks for difficulty in the American food producer holding markets abroad created by the war. At present food is much needed, so much that self-denial in some lines by all consumers is imperative. But with the restoration of peace, and with high food prices, there will be a rush by all the nations to build up home food production, and those least equipped for competition in the world's markets will be left without profitable export openings.

In the course of three or four years, food production will take the course prophesied by Mr. Barnes is not improbable, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. But it is a question whether in the period immediately after the war, improvement in food output in the needy countries will be very noticeable. Demobilization will require from one to two years. Reconstruction of industry and finance on the new basis will occupy a considerable time. With food available from the outer producers, such as Australia, India, South America, the incentive to a great, quick building up of home production in Britain, France, etc., is likely to slacken somewhat. Main interest will transfer itself to organizing for the immense industrial competition. True, Britain is bringing up the home area under cultivation, and there is going to make up for loss of acreage by an intensive use of farming machinery from this continent. It is learning the large scale methods. Italy can produce its own food under normal conditions. If Russia recovers Germany and Austria are likely to get their supplies from it. There is in Australia a surplus of wheat of 160,000,000 bushels, the Argentine has a surplus of 125,000,000 bushels, 75,000,000 of which are to be taken this year by the Allies, and India and lesser distant producers also have surpluses. If the United States and Canada this year have, between them, an export of 400,000,000 bushels of wheat, as is promised, the acuteness of the shortage in Europe will have been blunted. Improvement in the tonnage situation will make itself felt by next autumn.

In any case, Canadian producers need not fear for their profitable market. Wheat can be grown on our comparatively cheap wheat lands at a cost enabling us to compete in Europe at any time, providing we have the most efficient transportation. No doubt we shall lose part of our present overseas market in foodstuffs generally, but a return to a more normal division of food, as between exports and home supplies, is an essential part of building up peace-time industry. If Canada has a big wave of immigration we shall

absorb the balance freed by increased exports, and avoid detriment to the interests of agriculture.

## His Only Guide.

(Youth's Companion.)  
The distinguished and well-beloved Bishop of a certain Southern state is so absent minded that his family is always apprehensive for his welfare when he is away from them.

Not long ago, while making a journey by rail, the Bishop was unable to find his ticket when the conductor asked for it.

"Never mind Bishop," said the conductor, who knew him well, "I'll get it on my second round."

However, when the conductor passed through the car again, the ticket was still missing.

"Oh, well, Bishop, it will be all right if you never find it," the conductor assured him.

"No, it won't, my friend," contradicted the Bishop. "I've got to find that ticket. I want to know where I'm going."

(From the Cologne Volkszeitung according to a London despatch to the New York World.)

With every month it becomes clearer that the world's greatest enemy is American mammonism, to which, so long as it secures its monstrous profits, the butchery of entire nations is nothing but a simple and practical means to an end. It is high time that, to combat this murderous and unspcakably devilish financial might which would gladly see mankind swimming in its blood-ath until 1921, all belligerents, as well as neutral peoples, were called on with a mighty, irresistible voice to unite in an anti-American campaign.

It is nothing but absolute insanity for France and England, despite their indisputable military defeat, to continue the war. Only a speedy conclusion of the war, the fate of which America would like to overwhelm the whole of Europe, including, of course, England and France, themselves. A general European war of defence against America must needs form the final chapter of the world war if Europe does not wish to abandon forever her role in the universal development of the world's civilization. Up then, ye nations of Europe, against the common enemy who stands grinning with Satanic mien on the other side of the Atlantic.

## The Example Over There.

(Boston Evening Transcript.)  
As they fight "over there" shoulder to shoulder with the British and French, surely our first hundred thousand, by the spirit of their service and the example of their sacrifice, will awaken us "over here," quicken the conscience of the country, stiffen its leadership, speed up its every effort, and teach a mighty nation anew the almost forgotten lesson that

Life is no life to him that dares not die, and death no death to him that dares to live.

## A BIT OF VERSE

### MAID OF ATHENS.

Maid of Athens, we must part,  
I hear your father I must start;  
He's broken off his midnight rest;  
Discretion on my part is best;  
I'd better fit.

Maid of Athens, ere I go,  
Kiss me once, for luck you know;  
Your father's foot is on the stairs—  
None but the brave deserve the fair.  
The gas ain't lit.

Maid of Athens, just once more—  
Little ships must hug the shore;  
Hark! the dog has broken his chain  
Hounds! I am in hard luck again—  
Great Scott! I'm bit.

## A BIT OF FUN

Dodging the Question.  
She—"Here's the paper says a lawyer told a man in court that he was parties criminal in the affair. What does that mean, William?"  
He—"My dear, you ought not to ask me to explain such things to you before the children."

He Did.  
He finally managed to get the words from between his teeth.  
"Will you marry me, Ethel?" he stammered.  
She had just met somebody she liked better, and trying to let him down easy, she began: "I thought you knew better."

Home Strategy.  
Muggins—"Keep peace in the family a man must occasionally give in to his wife."  
Buggins—"That's right. There are times when I let my wife make me do exactly as I please."

## PATROL SYSTEM ON PROVINCIAL ROADS IN FORCE

Hon. P. J. Veniot Tells N. B. Automobile Association that in Two Weeks it will be Universal.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, which was to have been held last night, was adjourned until next Tuesday evening to give Hon. P. J. Veniot an opportunity of laying before the association the programme of road work outlined by his department for

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

We was eating breakfast this morning, and pop and to ma. Mother your not saying much this morning, in other words, you're quiet, and not only that, but judging from your expression you were throwing the sugar bowl at me if you didn't know there wasn't the slightest chance of hitting me.

O, indeed, said ma, its a fine thing for you to be sitting there trying to be funny without the slightest idea of what day this is, absolutely forgetting all about it.

Wait a pop, said pop, very serious I know what day this is, its Toonday, but of course thats not what I mean, I mean this is your verthday, Dont be ridiculous, you know I had a birthday only last week, said ma.

Did I say birthday? said pop, its odd how a person sometimes sees one thing when they mean something entirely different.

You havent the faintest suspicion of an idea of what day this is, and I think its perfectly dreadful, said ma.

Wait nonsems, I know exactly what day it is, said pop, just because im a trifle reserved about it I dussnt prove anything.

Well, what day is it, then? said ma.

You mean what day besides Toonday? said pop.

William, this is the 20th anniversary of our wedding, and you went and forgot all about it and everything, said ma sounding as if she could cry if she wanted to.

Now, now, mother, of course I remembered, I was only teasing you, said pop, very first thing I did to myself when I woke up this morning, I said, William, this is a darn day today, its the 20th anniversary of your wedding, and if you dont save your wife to the theater tonite, and maybe sunware afterwards, you are no fit husband.

O William, how lovely of you, and will you get the tickets the first thing this morning to be sure to get good seats? said ma.

Absoootly, said pop.

And he got up and gave ma a kiss, and we all kept on eating breakfast.

the coming summer and fall.

The meeting was called to order by the president, T. P. Regan, and the secretary's annual report read, after which business was suspended in order to give Hon. Mr. Veniot a chance to address the assembled members of the association.

Hon. Mr. Veniot assured the association that it was the wish of the department over which he presided to do everything possible to have the best roads obtainable, and gave a thorough resume of the work already accomplished and an outline of the work to be undertaken this year.

He said that the patrol system would in two weeks be in operation in all parts of the province. In connection with the repairs on the Marsh Road he said the contract had been let and a start had been made on the work.

All the trunk roads from the Nova Scotia border by way of Moncton, Sussex, Hampton and St. John to the Maine border and up the river to Woodstock and from there to the Maine border at Houlton, had been surveyed and placed on profile for semi-permanent work. If possible these roads would be completed this season but he could not promise this as labor difficulties might delay the work.

Notices had been sent out that the new road law called for an examination before any paid chauffeur could get a license, and all licenses now being issued were subject to passing this examination. The new law also provided that no person under eighteen could secure a chauffeur's license.

Mr. Veniot asked for the co-operation of the association for a strict enforcement of the speed law, particularly on new work.

The association placed at the disposal of the department the use of their four split drags to be used in connection with the patrol system in St. John and Kings counties.

P. A. Dykeman, W. B. Tennant, R. D. Paterson and F. L. Peters spoke briefly, thanking the minister for the very full account he had given of the work to be undertaken and complimented him on the work already accomplished.

A vote of thanks moved by George Kimball and seconded by W. B. Tennant was tendered Hon. Mr. Veniot.

Among those present were: Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. Mr. Robert C. H. Peters, L. R. Ross, F. R. Taylor, George Kimball, W. B. Tennant, A. P. Paterson, James Paterson, F. A. Dykeman, F. L. Peters, G. E. C. Gandy.

P. J. Regan, president, was in the chair, and R. D. Paterson, vice-president, acted as secretary.

Adjournment was made until Tuesday, May 14, when the balance of the business of the annual meeting will be concluded.

## 61ST ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL PROVES A LARGE SUCCESS

First Presbyterian Church Observes Birthday with Congregational Reunion—A Splendid Programme Enjoyed by all Present.

In the vestry of the First Presbyterian Church, West Side, last night, a birthday party was held to commemorate the 61st anniversary of the founding of the church. The proceedings of the evening were under the charge of the Young Ladies' Club of which Miss Ida Belyea is president and Miss Agnes Morrison, secretary. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion and Mrs. Percy Cruikshank and Mrs. J. R. Cameron presided. Light refreshments were served at the close of the programme.

J. R. Cameron presided and called on Dr. Morrison, minister of the church, to give the address of welcome, after which Mr. Cameron read a very full and comprehensive report of the activities of the church since its organization 61 years ago.

He then called on Dr. Morrison who presented the choirmaster of the

church, Thomas Rippey, with a handsome topaz ring and a stick pin set with sapphires and pearls as a token of the appreciation from the congregation for the faithful services rendered by Mr. Rippey.

The following programme was most successfully carried out:  
Solo—Miss Amdur.  
Solo—Percy Cruikshank.  
Reading—Miss Verta Roberts.  
Solo—Clarence Girvan.  
Piano solo—Mrs. Rayworth.  
Solo—Miss Freda Jenkins.  
Solo—Hew Walker.  
Reading—Miss Allingham.  
Solo—Miss Panton.

The anniversary services will be brought to a close next Sunday morning by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The engineer said he and G. A. Kyle, also an American engineer, left the village of Yenchang, in the province of Honan, China, on March 2nd, on a surveying trip. They took with them a number of Chinese assistants, twenty soldiers, and carried seven large boxes of American currency, totalling about \$125,000.

On the fourth day out they were overpowered by bandits who took Purcell, put him in a cage and transported him 200 miles into the mountains, subjecting him to all manner of humiliations and hardships, including that of being exhibited as a "freak."

Kyle, he said, was taken into custody by another bandit band but was rescued by Chinese soldiers. Purcell bribed a guard and escaped, eventually reaching Peking.

Efforts to recover the money failed, he said.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Henry L. Everett.  
The death of Marion, wife of Henry L. Everett took place yesterday at her residence, 29 Mecklenburg street. Mrs. Everett was well known and highly respected by all her acquaintances and the husband and children will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

She is survived by her husband who is a member of the firm of C. and E. Everett, one son, A. Ernest the well known furniture dealer and two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Brown and Mrs. Donaldson Hunt.

The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon from her late residence. Service will begin at half past two.

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