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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 ELEVATOR DISCUSSION.

"St. John's worst enemies are within her own borders." This was once said of this city on an occasion very like the present when a question of port improvement had aroused much discussion and was being vigorously opposed by newspapers not in harmony with the Government of the day. In the present case Hon. Mr. Hazen secured, and not without difficulty, a vote for the construction of a grain elevator to serve the Canadian Government railways. Engineers, thoroughly competent, looked over sites for the structure and decided upon one. The contract for the elevator foundations has been let and construction will start almost immediately. The whole operation will mean an expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars and when completed this port will have an additional grain handling plant with a capacity of 300,000 bushels and the surety of eventual doubling of that accommodation.

Is there anything in this whole proposition that should arouse the bitter opposition of the Telegraph and Times except that the Government and the Minister responsible for the construction represent a political party opposed to that whose representatives the Telegraph is kept alive to boost?

The elevator will be a benefit and a boon to St. John. That is not denied. Yet the Telegraph opposes the boon and then hypocritically tells its readers that its stand is taken in the interest of the port rather than to help any political party. The Telegraph contends that as the work has been delayed to a point where it will not be possible to finish it in time for this season's business, no harm can be done by further postponement until another site can be selected. This journal of the home and fireside does not presume to criticize the judgment of the political wonder who diffuses light through the columns of the Canterbury street newspaper, but is the Telegraph editor quite sure of his ground? Does the Telegraph know for a certainty that the money now available for the elevator will be available next year if no start is made on the work? Canada's war bills are increasing. Already it has been found necessary to stop work on some public works contracts and to hesitate before making others. Is there not a possibility that the next twelve months may see further action along similar lines? If the war is not over in twelve months and Canada's war expense continues to grow, will we be as sure of the elevator next year as we are now?

These matters might well be given some slight consideration by those who are so free with advice to delay construction on the elevator until some other site is secured. The principal purpose of these critics, however, is to criticize and arouse opposition to the project. They are not particular as to the facts of the case.

AFTER THE WAR.

As long as Canada's sons continue to face death on the battlefields of Europe it is natural that the thought of all Canadians should be turned to the war and matters connected therewith, and that the first effort of this country should be devoted to making it certain that Canada shall do her full duty. But the progress of the campaigns of the Allies has been such that at least there comes a glimmering of a day when the men in khaki will return to civilian life, and when this country shall be the Mecca for hundreds of thousands of war weary residents of the Allied countries who will desire to make a new start in life mid fairer and sweeter scenes far away from the haunting memories of blood and fire. It is wisdom to prepare now against the day when the homeseekers in thousands will pour into Canada, when the signing of peace treaties will create new conditions of national life, when industries now prosperous will find their markets gone and others now suffering from the commercial disruption consequent upon the world struggle will come into new life and vigor.

Canada after the war will be a new country, with new problems and added responsibilities. First there will

be the thousands of returning soldiers to care for and fit into their former places in civil life. This in itself will be a task of great magnitude, complicated possibly by the fact that many of the men who left sedentary occupations to don the uniform will find that two years in the open has bred a distaste for the routine of the office and the workshop, and a longing for the bigger, broader outdoor life. Then there will be the newcomers, and all indications are that the next ten years will bring them to Canada by the hundreds of thousands. New elements will be introduced into the population, new ideas and ideals will supplant those of two years ago. It will require careful thought and considered action to blend the various elements of the new Canada into an harmonious whole and place the newcomers so they may work to the best interests of themselves and the country of their adoption.

The commercial problems to be solved will be many and mighty. New markets will be opened, new avenues for development will appear, the country will find itself in a condition similar to that of the United States of thirty to forty years ago in experiencing its first great growth. The settlement of Canada's vast vacant spaces will be one of the first questions to require attention. Already the Government of New Brunswick has taken up this matter and is preparing to go ahead on a comprehensive plan. That is wise. Other provinces may well do likewise. In fact it is high time to consider all the problems to be grappled with and solved in the future.

The great progress made by the German armies during the first six months of the war afforded an unforgettable lesson in the value of preparedness for war. It is for Canada to teach the world the lesson of the value of preparedness for peace. The ten years following the present conflict are likely to form the most important period in Canada's history. It is for Canadians themselves to make that history glorious.

A MONTREAL OPINION.

The Montreal Mail, an independent newspaper, has not been misled as to the real purpose of the Carvelites in the Carleton county by-election campaign. The Mail takes the opposition statements that the fight was necessary in the interests of honesty and good government with considerable salt and uncovers the real purpose of the vicious campaign waged by the Dark Lantern Brigades and his associates, viz, the glorification of Carvel and the weakening of the administration at Ottawa. Commenting on the splendid victory of Hon. Mr. Smith and his colleague the Mail says: "The disappointment expressed in the acid comment in the more partisan Liberal papers of New Brunswick, over the result in Carleton County, will not, we believe, find much of an echo in the country generally. Whatever the merits of the local questions brought up for discussion, it was quite obvious that bigger game was being stalked under cover of them. This was nothing more or less than a too evident desire to defeat Mr. Smith and his colleague on the Conservative ticket, and then herald it as a victory that would weaken the Ottawa administration. The result of the election dashed these hopes; and the Federal members who had journeyed to New Brunswick to oppose Mr. Smith and his running mate found that they had violated the so-called political truce without any appreciable result except to demonstrate anew that the agreement which is supposed to exist during the war is not binding when partisan advantage is expected to be reached. It must have required considerable restraint on the part of Hon. J. D. Hazen, the Federal New Brunswick minister, to abstain from active participation in this struggle, knowing as he did, the conclusion that would be drawn from his defeat; and, further, is to his material benefit. It did not require the defeat of Mr. Smith and his colleague to find Mr. Carvel's status, which is something already well established. The weakening of the Ottawa administration in war time is too grave a matter for

consideration and discussion to make it a subject of vital importance whether Mr. Carvel's personal and political influence is built up or knocked down at this juncture, especially in a contest, which in the last analysis, has very little to do with Ottawa affairs."

HON. JOHN COSTIGAN.

Senator Costigan, whose death is chronicled this morning, was one of the last survivors of the old school of representatives who sat in the first parliament of Canada. After six years in the Assembly of New Brunswick he was elected for Victoria county in the first Canadian parliament in 1867 and held that seat without a break until he was appointed to the Senate in 1904. He was a member of Sir John Macdonald's cabinet as Minister of Inland Revenue and continued in that office until Sir John Thompson became premier when, on the reconstruction of the cabinet he was appointed secretary of state. Later, under Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Mackenzie Bowell he was Minister of Inland Revenue. In his public service the late Senator Costigan had the reputation of an excellent administrator and an efficient departmental head. He was popular among all classes and numbered hosts of friends in both political parties. His death removes an old landmark in New Brunswick politics and closes a career which might have met more public approval had it been marked by a more steadfast adherence to his party allegiance.

HUNTING FOR EVIDENCE IN "TACK" CASE

Automobile Association Still Working to Find Miscreants Who Strewed Tacks on the Public Road.

The person or persons guilty of strewing the Westfield road with tacks, thus causing great inconvenience and loss to automobilists have not been apprehended and brought to justice. While the placing of tacks on the road is considered one of the meanest of acts, the fact that heavy logs were also placed across the highway at night adds to the seriousness of the offense and it is only a miracle that some persons have not been badly injured or killed as a result.

The placing of logs on the highway has happened on more than one occasion. One business man reported to the New Brunswick Automobile Association that on one of the roads in the suburbs he came to one of these log obstructions. This log was placed immediately over the brow of a hill and was banked with stones to make it solid, and placed in such a position that the headlights of the car would throw its rays over the obstruction when the front wheels of the car reached the top of the hill.

Fortunately, for the gentleman driving the car, he was going at a very slow speed at the time and saved damage to his car, and perhaps injury to the occupants. This log was not on the Westfield road.

On another occasion, a couple of years ago, a log was placed across the highway leading to Lorneville, and during the same summer a wire was stretched across the same road at such a height that should the windshield be lowered the wire would catch the driver of the car on the head and would mean, perhaps, instant death. These matters were reported to the New Brunswick Automobile Association officials but no clue to the guilty persons could be found.

Around the first of this month a large number of cars were stalled on the Westfield road because of damage to tires by tacks strewn along the road, and one automobile alone picked up no less than twenty-eight tacks in its tires. In addition to this F. G. Spencer had a narrow escape from injury one night when he found a heavy log across the highway near Ketepec station.

A meeting of the executive committee of the New Brunswick Automobile Association was held last evening and the sad news that her brother, Wendell T. Gray, had paid the supreme sacrifice, having died of wounds in France. The news came as a great shock, as he was the first intimation they had received of his being wounded. He

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All right, I said.
Don't I look like a corpse or anything? said pop.
No sir, why? I said.
I don't feel very chipper, said pop, nothing the matter with me, of course, but I feel as if I like feel better, I guess I need cheering up, a dose of the old life and brite, Benny, suppose you take the paper and read me the advertisements, theres nothing so breezy and spirited as a well written advertisement.
Yes sir, I said. And I opened the paper and started to read out loud, saying, A good disposition and healthy body go hand in hand.
Too, too, said pop.
Do you have sudden sinking spells, I said, does your head ache and do you have a general feeling that you don't care whether you live or not?
Cease, cease, said pop, was in the name of the morgue are you reading?
Its a advertisement was Pillsbury's Pills for Billoumias, I said.
Well skip it, skip it, said pop.
Yes sir, I said. And I started to read something else, saying, A long life and a merry one.
2nd the motion, said pop.
Is your system run down, I said, have you a general feeling of lassitude and—
Shut up for the love of Hamlets fathers spirit, said pop, youve got me feeling like anything thats bin left out in the rain, go out and play and leave me hear to suffer quietly.
Wich I did.

tee of the New Brunswick Automobile Association was held and it was decided to proceed with the search of one of the best detectives in Montreal. The officer came to St. John on the 12th of this month, and only a few days after the obstruction had been found on the road. His presence here was known to but few of the persons interested, and for several days and nights he occupied one of the camps near the highway, patrolled the district night and day and made inquiries, and not without some result. Suspicion rested on a couple of persons but no direct evidence could be secured that would justify an arrest. Some persons who it is believed might be able to throw light on the question are reluctant to do so, perhaps owing to fear of personal injury. The association last week offered a substantial reward to any person who would produce evidence that would convict those who placed the tacks or the log on the road, but so far the information has not been received.

Although much time and considerable money has been spent by the association in trying to find the guilty persons, the search for evidence will continue, and it is hoped that before long miscreants will be brought to justice.

WAR BRINGS SADNESS TO W. E. FAMILY

Mrs. Walter L. Doherty of West End Learns of the Death of Her Brother in France.

A telegram received by Mrs. Walter L. Doherty, DeMonts street, West Side, last evening brought the sad news that her brother, Wendell T. Gray, had paid the supreme sacrifice, having died of wounds in France. The news came as a great shock, as he was the first intimation they had received of his being wounded. He

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