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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.

IN CARLETON COUNTY.

The convention of Government supporters in Carleton County yesterday ratified the appointment of Hon. B. Frank Smith to the position of Minister of Public Works, and nominated as his colleague in the approaching by-election Mayor W. S. Sutton, of Woodstock. The convention was enthusiastic and harmonious, and it is evident that the new Minister of Public Works and Mayor Sutton will have the full support, not only of the Conservative party of Carleton, but also of the many independent and Liberal voters who approve of the aggressive administration at Fredericton, and who are determined as well to show Mr. Carvell that the county has tired of the crusade of slander and misrepresentation in which he has been the leader.

The opposition newspapers and speakers are trying to make the public believe that Mr. Carvell is not interested in this campaign. Mr. Carvell himself, at the opposition convention in Hartland, stated as much, but despite that it is realized that the force behind the oppositionists of Carleton, and the effort they will make to defeat the Government candidates is none other than the man who has misrepresented that county in Ottawa for the past five years. Mr. Carvell has a personal grudge against Hon. B. Frank Smith. He knows full well that Mr. Smith received a majority of the votes cast in Carleton county in the last Federal election, and that if the contest had been conducted decently and with fairness the elected representative of that county would have been a supporter of the Federal Government instead of one of its most blatant critics. Consequently it is to be expected that Carvell will use every effort to defeat Mr. Smith and his colleague and to that end will find no means too miserable or low.

Having projected himself and his methods into a campaign in which he says he has no interest, the Dark Lantern Brisdar must not complain if considerable attention happens to be directed to him. He has been the Grit bully of his county for a number of years, and despite his disclaimer in the present contest has given every indication that he intends to proceed along the lines so familiar to him and make a personal mud-slinging fight against the Minister of Public Works and his colleague. If this is Mr. Carvell's intention he will probably be accommodated. Hon. Mr. Smith, however, stands on the record of the Government, and despite Mr. Carvell, will not permit the opposition to escape a full discussion of public questions.

The fight is now on. Both parties have chosen their candidates, and from now until polling day it is expected the campaign will be the hottest that Carleton county has ever known. The people of that county have a two-fold opportunity which they will not neglect. They can and will endorse Messrs. Smith and Sutton, and the Government whose banner they carry. They can also illustrate to Frank B. Carvell in unmistakable fashion that his political career has about ended. This is Carleton's opportunity to forever free itself from the domination of the man who has labored unceasingly to bring reproach upon the name of Canada and all things Canadian, and Carleton will not neglect it.

OPPOSITION IMPERTINENCE.

Over the signatures of the opposition candidates in Carleton county, but presumably prepared by Mr. E. S. Carter, or the chief of the Dark Lantern Brigade, a communication addressed to Hon. B. F. Smith appeared in the Telegraph of yesterday morning, in which the candidates asked that Hon. Mr. Smith and his colleague should agree with the opposition to run the election in Carleton county "without the use of money or liquor to influence the electors." It is not at all likely that Hon. Mr. Smith or the Government party will take any notice of this offer, in fact this newspaper can see no reason why attention should be paid to it. The Government party or Hon. Mr. Smith has not resorted to the use of money or liquor to conduct elections and it is nothing more than a piece of impertinence

that a party numbering among its leaders such men as F. B. Carvell and E. S. Carter should now seek an agreement to put into effect what has always been a Government party practice.

If the opposition party has any fear that Government workers will resort to the use of money, liquor or dishonest returning officers to secure the election of Hon. Mr. Smith and his colleague they have the opportunity to prevent such operations. Mr. Smith himself has always conducted his elections without the use of either money or rum and he will do so in the present case. But the idea of a bargain is nothing more than a piece of impertinence. A decent citizen who observes the law does not bargain with a law-breaker, he puts the officers of the law on his trail. That is the procedure the Government party will probably adopt in the present election and in which they will have the support of all good citizens who believe in honesty and the fair deal. The Government party has always run clean elections and there is no disposition now to change that practice. The opposition candidates know this and their offer is simply a cheap effort to attract to them and their party some favorable attention—but the effort will fail. The Government party will run a clean election and will see to it that the opposition do the same. The idea of an agreement in such a case is not only unnecessary but impertinent.

COMMENDABLE WORK.

Canadians will agree that there is nothing too good for the soldier, for the man who voluntarily leaves his family, sunders his commercial relations, gives up his social pleasures, and dons the King's uniform to go overseas, and face death or injury for the sake of his country and his home. This is shown to the soldier not only at the time of leaving this country but in greater measure after his return. Consequently there is nothing but commendation for the splendid work the Canadian Government is doing to give tangible expression to that sentiment. In no way is this being accomplished in more practical fashion than by the Returned Soldiers' Commission in the different provinces and the Military Hospitals Commission, with its various branches.

It is the function of the Military Hospitals Commission to see to it that the young Canadian who has been wounded in the Empire war, has the best of opportunities to progress to health and vigor. Pleasant homes are provided for him where he is made the subject of the tenderest care and attention. If able to return to his former employment he is assisted in every possible way to that end, but if it has been his misfortune to suffer injuries that make it impossible for him to resume his former work he is given training in lines for which he is still fitted. This portion of the work is undertaken by the vocational branch of the Commission, the able secretary of which is Mr. T. H. Kidner, who, yesterday, delighted St. John audiences with the recital of that organization's achievements.

The Returned Soldiers' Commission also has its sphere of usefulness and a very large and important sphere it is. Representatives of the Commission take the soldiers in hand as soon as they arrive in Canada and procure employment for them. In as many cases as possible private firms in each community are asked to find suitable light work for the returned heroes and it is gratifying to find that in this city the business men have shown a splendid willingness to comply with the request. But public positions in the service of the country are also held open for the war veterans and already a number of appointments to that service have been made in St. John and vicinity. There is absolutely no question of politics in the matter. Every soldier has the same opportunity to procure the position for which he is best fitted but, of course, it is recognized that what are popularly known as "government jobs" cannot be found for all as speedily as they ask for them. So far, however, there has been very little or no dissatisfaction.

All branches of the great work of caring for the returned soldiers are entitled to the heartiest support and

co-operation on the part of the citizens. The Canadian Government are also to be commended, first, for their prompt recognition of the fact that the national debt to the soldier is not liquidated by his pension and, second, for the practical plans they are putting into effect to look after the welfare of the men who when duty called were not found lacking. It is a noble work and well performed. If the Government of Canada had done nothing else to commend itself to the people its care for the welfare of Canada's soldier boys should forever stand to its credit as a monument of commendable achievement.

PROVINCE HAS DONE WELL IN RECRUITING

Returns Show that 2,668 Soldiers Have Been Secured in New Brunswick in Last Five Months.

Below is given a recapitulation of the recruiting in New Brunswick since April 1st. This list includes the month of August. Although there has been a decided decrease in recruiting throughout the province since April, in which month 1,141 men enrolled, no one can yet say the voluntary system is a failure. The following has been prepared by Major L. P. D. Tilly, chief recruiting officer for the province:

Unit	Recruits
Artillery—	
58th Howitzer Battery	32
65th Field Battery	34
7th Siege Battery	7
	— 122
Infantry—	
104th Battalion	60
115th Battalion	177
132nd Battalion	141
149th Battalion	162
145th Battalion	202
165th Battalion	150
224th Forestry Battalion	72
185th Battalion	38
193rd Battalion	3
4th Pioneer Battalion	3
	— 1,131
4th Divisional Train	10
Total	1,141

Unit	Recruits
Artillery—	
7th Siege Battery	36
58th Howitzer Battery	3
65th Battalion	79
	— 117

Unit	Recruits
Infantry—	
104th Battalion	4
115th Battalion	46
132nd Battalion	31
140th Battalion	16
145th Battalion	32
165th Battalion	51
4th Pioneer Battalion	15
	— 198
4th Divisional Train	3
Total	316

Unit	Recruits
Artillery—	
7th Siege Battery	0
58th Howitzer Battery	0
65th Howitzer Battery	18
	— 18

Unit	Recruits
Infantry—	
104th Battalion	9
115th Battalion	38
132nd Battalion	28
140th Battalion	32
145th Battalion	48
165th Battalion	52
237th Battalion	40
4th Pioneer Battalion	6
8th Field Ambulance	63
1 Construction Battalion	115
	— 451
4th Divisional Train	10
Total	392

Unit	Recruits
Artillery—	
9th Siege Battery	22
65th Howitzer Battery	5
	— 27

Unit	Recruits
Infantry—	
115th Battalion	9
132nd Battalion	18
140th Battalion	22
145th Battalion	78
165th Battalion	48
Other units	52
237th Battalion	40
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Unit	Recruits
Artillery—	
9th Siege Battery	19
58th Howitzer Battery	1
65th Howitzer Battery	18
	— 38

Unit	Recruits
Infantry—	
132nd Battalion	12
140th Battalion	6
145th Battalion	12
165th Battalion	11
167th Battalion	1
Other units	91
237th Battalion	22
242nd Battalion	2
	— 157

Unit	Recruits
Miscellaneous—	
4th Pioneer Battalion	6
8th Field Ambulance	92
Canadian Engineers	7
No. 1 Construction Batt.	7
No. 2 Construction Batt.	25
	— 147

Unit	Recruits
Total	2,668
For the five months	2,668

Little Benny's Note Book

Sam Crawshaw showed me a trick today, saying, Hey, Benny, if you leave me punch you as hard as I want to I'll leave you punch me as hard as you want to.

Not in the face, I sed.

No, on the arm, sed Sam. Me being a better fiter than wat he is, and I sed, All right, go ahead.

Just hold your arm loose, sed Sam. Wich I did, and he gave me a punch rite in the muscel with his suckles, making my arm feel as if it were paralized.

Hay, hay, I sed.

Wats the matter, now go ahead and hit me: sed Sam.

How can I, I cant hardly move my arm, I sed. And I tried to hit him and he didnt hardly feel it. Then he showed me how to do it by hitting a persins muscel with your nuckles in a serten place, and just then Reddy Merfy started to come up the street, and I thawt, G, heers a fine chance to get a good shot at Reddy. And he came up and I sed, Hay, Reddy, if you let me hit you on the arm I'll let you hit me.

Sure, thats a slatich, sed Reddy.

Hold your arm loose, I sed.

Its loose, sed Reddy. And I hit it in the rite place with my nuckles, and Reddy sed, Ow! and started to rub it.

Hee, hee, I sed, laffin, now you hit me.

You bet your sweet life I will, sed Reddy. And he dubbeded up his uther arm and gave me sutch a farsee crack I can feel it yet. Me forgettin all about he was left handed. Proving a good trick is only a good trick if it works.

RECORDS BROKEN AT POUGHKEEPSIE TRACK

St. Frisco, Driven by Geers, Goes Three Fastest Heats Ever Trotted over Hudson River Track.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 31.—St. Frisco, driven by E. P. Geers, won "The Knickerbocker" \$5,000 purse for 2.08 trotters in straight heats at today's Grand Circuit races here, going the three fastest heats ever trotted in a race over the Hudson River Driving Park track. Summary: The Knickerbocker, 2.08 Trot, Three In Five, \$5,000, Three Heats. St. Frisco, b. h. by San Francisco (Geers), 1.11. Tma Jay, br. m. (Ernest), 2.22. Director Todd, b. g. (Cox), 3.27. Laramie Lad, b. g. (McDonald) 4.78. Humfast, b. m. (Murphy) 4.54. Alma Forbes, br. m. (McKernan) 6.54. Virginia Barnette, b. m. (Duffee) 7.66. Time—2.05%, 2.07, 2.05. 2.09 Pace, Three Heats, \$1,000. Major Woolworth, br. h. by The Abbe, (Hubbard) 1.12. The Savoy, blk. g. (Floyd) 2.21. Areta Y. ch. m. (Cox) 4.33. Lillian W. ch. m. (Davis) 3.44. Time—2.13%, 2.07%, 2.06%. 2.10 Trot, Three Heats, \$1,000. Al Mack, b. h. by M. Clintoach, 1.11. The Problem, br. h. (Murphy) 2.42. Helen Worthy, b. m. (Murray) 4.52. McCloskey, br. g. (McDonald) 2.44. Howe Constantine, b. g. (Batchell), 3.33. Country Tramp, ch. g. (Davis) 4.55. Time—2.07%, 2.08, 2.08%. 2.15 Pace, Three Heats, \$1,000. Young Todd, br. g. by Director Todd, (Cox), 1.11. The Problem, br. h. (Murphy) 2.42. Sir Anthony Carter, br. h. (Geers), 3.23. Commodore Dallas, b. g. (Chapman), 4.55.

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To beat 2.22%, trotting—Peter Worthy, b. e. (4), by Guy Axworthy, (Ackerman), won. Time—2.15%.

To beat 2.23, trotting—Susannah Blagen, b. f. (3), by Blagen, (Ackerman), won. Time—2.18%.

To beat 2.30%, trotting—Louise Guy, b. f. by Guy Axworthy, (Phillips), won. Time—2.35%.

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