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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.

**OPPOSITION'S CASE
 UNANSWERED.**

The budget debate in the Provincial House was brought to a close on Friday afternoon with the Opposition having much the better of the argument. Although several of the government supporters participated in the debate, the fact remains that after Hon. C. W. Robinson had said the last word in the House, the strong case presented by Hon. Mr. Murray and Hon. Mr. Baxter, the chief speakers for the Opposition, remained wholly unanswered. Neither Hon. Mr. Robinson nor any other government supporter even attempted to challenge the important statements of the Leader of the Opposition and the former Attorney-General that the late administration had given the province of New Brunswick prudent and systematic conduct of its public business, had kept the ordinary expenditures within the ordinary revenues and had done much to vitalize and improve the deplorable conditions which existed in 1908 after the shameful neglect and mismanagement of the affairs of the province under their predecessors. Nor was any answer forthcoming to the clear statements of the Opposition speakers that every dollar of the increase in the permanent debt of the province under the late regime had been absolutely justified and was represented by tangible assets in the many magnificent permanent structures throughout the province, while the facts and figures presented to the House, showing that the new administration had upwards of three-quarters of a million of dollars to spend during their portion of the current year, remained uncontradicted.

Hon. Mr. Robinson, in closing the debate, said that he was not sure that the late Government had incurred an over-expenditure of \$700,000 on ordinary account, but he was sure that his remarks with respect to the matter had been misrepresented in the government press. As was clearly pointed out by Hon. Mr. Baxter, if the over-expenditure did exist at all it is already in the capital account of the province. The member for Moncton city persisted in his statement that the late administration did incur a deficit on ordinary account in 1916, but it should be clear to Hon. Mr. Robinson that there was no deficit in that year. It should also be clear to him that the deficit exists on this year's financial operations of the present administration which has failed to keep the ordinary expenditures within the ordinary revenues, a principle which he told the House must be applied. There can be only two possible ways to accomplish that result. The government must either reduce the expenditures to the amount of the revenues or they must find some means of increasing the revenues to meet the expenditures. Hon. Mr. Robinson in his address on Friday practically admitted that it was the government's intention to make a new issue of bonds to the amount of \$200,000 to care for their over-expenditure on current account. This is indeed an unhealthy way for the government to begin its financing, and is quite similar to the methods followed by the administration which occupied the treasury benches prior to 1908, and which year after year added to the permanent debt of the province large amounts which should have been paid out of the ordinary revenues.

The electors of the province will also observe that the gentleman who had been heralded as "the business man" and who was to make the administration "a business man's" government took no part in the discussion of the financial affairs of the province—an unheard of spectacle in the House of Assembly when the leader on the floor of the House has nothing to say in assertion of the policy of his administration or as a defence against the criticism which was levelled by the members of the Opposition. The people may reasonably inquire why "the business man" was silent in this discussion of such superlative importance.

ABOUT CONSCRIPTION.

Apparently there are some people in Canada as elsewhere who take for granted that they ought to enjoy all the privileges as well as all the protection of the state without incurring the slightest particle of cost to themselves or in any way involving them in any degree of liability to personally maintain or defend the land that has nurtured them.

Among these same people, some it is to be presumed are of the weak-kneed, faint-hearted approximations of manhood, while others who chime in

anted to them in an honest way, when they realize that universal military service asks nothing of them, that it does not require of other provinces, their response will be all that can be desired.

**LEADER OF OPPOSITION
 MAKES ELOQUENT AND
 FORCEFUL ADDRESS**

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to him he (Murray) told him (Williams) not to talk so much, but to tell him whether or not he had found anything wrong. Williams had said "no, any more than the system of book-keeping was wrong." His (Murray) inquired of the auditor if he was sure that was the worst Williams had said, "yes, absolutely nothing wrong in the financial affairs of the board."

He (Murray) honestly believed that the financial management of the board had been strictly proper and standing as he did in his place in the House, he defied any man to show him a single dollar which had been received by the board during the time it was under the supervision of his department. Mr. Williams had said the board should have had the abstract of titles from legal men, and he (Murray) wanted to say to the House that the department had forms showing at least that the title had been searched by a reputable lawyer, and he would like to ask his honorable friend the minister of agriculture (Tweeddale) if he did not find these forms on file in the department.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale nodded his assent. On assuming the supervision of the board, he (Murray) had found that they had a large number of farms on hand, and he had promptly given instructions not to purchase a farm until the board had found an applicant worthy of the property. More than he had ordered the farms which were then on hand be sold. As he had stated, the bookkeeping methods of the board were changed at his request and at his instruction, and he (Murray) did not think that he had gone far out of his way to criticize the members of the board, and particularly the secretary, whom he knew had done a great deal of valuable work on behalf of the province. The work of the board had done a large amount of good, and the amount of \$150,000 placed in the purchase of farms had resulted in very considerable benefit. It had increased the values of the farms of the province, had lessened insurance risks and materially raised the moral tone in the rural communities.

With respect to the purchase of the Albert county farm which had been so severely criticized, he had the certificate of the late Mr. Bray that the property was unencumbered and that it did contain the acreage. Then he applied to Mr. Bray again and he received a similar assurance. Could he possibly have had any better evidence? Could he have gone to Albert county and measured the land and searched the records? When he (Murray) had found that the report was not correct he immediately got rid of the transaction and got the money back again. Hon. Mr. Veniot here interjected some remarks in regard to the Stewart investigation, and Hon. Mr. Murray replied that the late Mr. Bray had been before him had taken over the affairs of the board. He did want to state frankly that having purchased such a large number of farms in the province the record of the board was far above the average and because his honorable friend might be able to cite an isolated case of petty irregularity, there was no reason to believe the affairs of the board were in an unsatisfactory condition. Even in the case cited, he (Murray) had found that there was no criminal neglect or loss to the province, and he (Murray) would repeat that he stood behind the management of the board since 1914. If the board had been led astray by a gentleman, no loss of money had resulted, and the transaction was an indiscreet one and not a crime and in his intense desire to discredit the board, his honorable friend had hurt the province. His honorable friend (Veniot) was anxious to discredit the board on petty and trivial matters and to ignore the fact that his honorable friend had been through every transaction and if he found that any money had been improperly spent or diverted, he (Murray) would be the first to see that steps were taken to have the matter righted, but so long as he believed that the board had acted honestly and in an upright manner, he would be prepared to defend their course. He wanted to say that the operations of the board had been very successful, that through their endeavors hundreds of young men who would have been otherwise lost to the citizenship of the province had been kept at home. These petty criticisms thrown at the members of the board would have been God knows that when the province was looking so many of her young men who were going overseas, the activities of the board to encourage others to stay on the farm at home instead of going to other parts to take up their livelihood should receive the hearty support and co-operation of every man in the province.

Development in Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Murray then referred briefly to the innumerable advances made in agriculture under the late government, how a department which previously existed in name only had been brought to a state of the highest efficiency. Honorable members opposite when in opposition laid down the policy that they would reduce the salaries of officials of the department. He wanted to say that the basis of agricultural success was agricultural education, and in order to get experts in the various lines, the province had to pay the price. The department could receive \$44,000 from the federal government for agricultural education and that amount must be used for that purpose solely.

Government Should Assume Responsibility.

Hon. Mr. Murray mentioned the fact that the department under the late government had co-operated with the departments in Nova Scotia and since Edward Island and much good had resulted. He referred to the opportunities in the province for dairying and urged the minister to his utmost to develop that industry. Reference had been made to the fact that the Empire was engaged in a mighty war, and as he saw the men of the splendid 22nd Battalion marching down the street this morning, it was an indication to him of the tremendous drain upon the country's young manhood. Canada was a great country, and New Brunswick was one of its most prosperous and flourishing portions. He desired to assure the government that if they would realize their opportunities of co-operation and husbanding the resources of the province, they would receive the wholehearted support of the opposition but he did believe that they should not disavow the responsibility of office, but assuming it should go ahead in their endeavors to show the people of the province that they were worthy of the confidence which had reposed in them.

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**MOVIE FILM
 A HOT ONE**

Calais June 17.—While the thrilling romance "One Touch of Sin" was being shown in the Palace motion-picture theatre, the film broke and touching the mercury area was immediately a mass of flames. The small operating booth was in a seething bonfire for a few minutes. Operator Leonard Welsh was burned about the eyes and hands, but professionally, and his hair somewhat singed. Two hundred and fifty people, mostly children in the audience, were informed by Arthur Gillespie that there was no danger and they vacated in an orderly manner while the pianist, Miss Alice Casey, bravely kept playing the piano. The theatre was undamaged.

**HOW REDMOND
 WAS KILLED**

London, June 17.—According to official details supplied to his relatives the late William Redmond, who was killed in action, had a post with a staff division which justified his remaining in the front. Mr. Redmond earnestly insisted that it was his wish to accompany his regiment in the advance and the general reluctantly consented. Capt. Redmond was leading his men an attack to Wychna wood when he was wounded. He did not recover consciousness and died a few hours later in the Ulster Field hospital. His body was taken to the little Village of Looe, where it was buried on Saturday, at the urgent request of the nuns, in the private garden of their convent at the foot of a grove and a statue erected in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The funeral service was conducted by chaplains of the Ulster and Irish divisions. The grove was decorated with flowers by children of the Village and a volley was fired over it by a mixed company from the Ulster and Irish divisions.

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Bangor, Me. June 17.—Information has been received from Rockwood that there are certain facts that indicate that the death of Kenneth E. Curtis of Waterville who was supposed to have been lost while hunting in the Russell stream region last fall with his father and a party of friends was not accidental.

After the body was found late last week by a searching party led by W. W. Curtis the boy's father it was assumed that death had occurred from hunger or exhaustion. But the facts disproved this theory. The body was about three quarters of a mile from the hunting camp of last fall. The body was about 15 feet away from his rifle, cap and eyeglasses. His rifle was loaded and there were three cartridges in the magazine. About eight inches from the rifle was an empty shell that fitted the rifle. From the position of the rifle, the nature of the wound, which could not have been self-inflicted, the hiding of the body and other things it is thought that the shooting was done by someone who endeavored to conceal the matter.

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Special to The Standard.
 Yarmouth, N. S., June 17.—from Lieut. Charles Trank as one of my corporals found Eugene body a few nights before we also that of another Yarmouth Mule. They were both killed and within a few yards of each other. We had them buried in the usual manner. So hope to be able to tell his actly where he is.
 Lieut. Eugene Lewis is the son of G. Murray Lewis, and Lewis has had no official word of his death, he said he feared true as he had a letter from son Bob, in France, in which Eugene's last letter to stated that he wished his keep this letter as it would from Eugene.
 On May 9 Mr. Lewis heard word that Eugene had been on April 29, but since the heard nothing. He enlisted in 1915, in Yarmouth, in Battalion, and went overseas 1916.
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