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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.

CONCERNING "THE TRUTH."

It is one thing to judge by the writings of Political Fictionist Edward S. Carter, and the published expressions of Opposition Organizer E. S. Carter, this gentleman has a most peculiar conception of what constitutes the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. In his first capacity, that of Political Fictionist for the Daily Ananias and the Evening Sapphira, Mr. Carter sent a story from the capital to the effect that Hon. Mr. Murray had denied the existence of a mortgage on a certain Albert County farm purchased by the Farm Settlement Board, when, according to Mr. Carter, such mortgage was held by Hon. A. R. McClellan.

The Standard, on Thursday, published the certificate of A. W. Bray, who searched the title, that, when purchased by the Board, the property was clear of encumbrance and in the face of that evidence Mr. Carter now admits there is a possibility that "Ex-Governor McClellan is wrong in thinking that his mortgage is still unpaid." This is an interesting confession from the gentleman who was so cocksure of his facts when he used them as the basis of a spread head story in the Evening Sapphira the purpose of which was to discredit Hon. Mr. Murray. Now that he has admitted the possibility of a mistake we presume, when Mr. Carter probes a bit deeper, and finds that the story as published in The Standard was true, and his own misleading and unwarranted, he will lose no time in extending an apology to Mr. Murray, or in giving to it as much newspaper space as was occupied by the original slander.

Mr. Carter in his fictional contribution to the Daily Ananias of yesterday has much to say concerning alleged false information given to the Opposition by members of the Government and goes on to relate how John Morrissey "refreshed" the memory of Hon. Dr. Landry.

It would not be a bad idea for the Political Fictionist to do a little refreshing on his own account and start in with the Opposition Organizer and the ex-Minister of Public Works. In his letter Mr. Carter interviewed himself, and his first achievement in that interview was to give to Mr. John Morrissey a certificate of truthfulness. This action on his part raises the interesting question whether a man can certify to the possession by another of a quality in which he, himself, is lacking. Mr. Carter's statements show that his acquaintance with the truth is limited and, possibly, that explains his readiness to admit that Mr. Morrissey is truthful.

As he puts it, "One thing about Morrissey's answers could be depended upon—they might be brief at times but they were honest."

Mr. Carter did not always think so and that he had some reason for his doubt can be shown by reference to the pages of the synopsis report of the proceedings of the New Brunswick Legislature for the session of 1914. In the portion of that interesting little volume devoted to recording answers given to enquiries in the House, we find that Mr. Pelletier asked a number of questions regarding the Concrete Construction Co., Ltd., which had been awarded a contract for cleaning and painting the steel bridges of the province. One of these questions and Mr. Morrissey's answer thereto was as follows:

"No. 6—Who are the president, secretary and manager of the said company?"

Mr. Morrissey replied: "The department has no knowledge."

When Mr. Morrissey made that answer he had on the files of his department the contract with the Concrete Construction Co., which was dated 2nd June, 1913, and signed for Concrete Construction, Ltd., by "E. C. Colby, Contractor Managing Director," and for the Province of New Brunswick by "John Morrissey, Minister Public Works."

In spite of the fact that Mr. Morrissey had signed a contract with this company some nine months before Mr. Pelletier's question he professed to be unable to give the opposition any information regarding the company's officers and that despite the fact that the company's managing director acted for Concrete Construction, Ltd. in

the patronage in this county and Mr. Morrissey's Conservative friends and allies here dare not drive me out."

Mr. Friel goes on to say that as soon as the Conservative party secured the return of power in Ottawa he lost his office but, he adds stigmatically, "I did not go for graft or incompetence." In conclusion Mr. Friel, who has always been a staunch Liberal, says: "I have no hard feelings over the loss of my office. They do not run my ambition and I am getting along nicely without them. I wrote the letter in your paper because I detest humbug."

CANADA'S TRADE.

In appointing a commission of representative Canadian business men to cross the ocean and study conditions of and opportunities for trade between Canada and the Allied nations of Western Europe, Sir George Foster has touched on the fringe of a mighty problem the solution of which is likely to prove of untold value to this country as well as to Britain, France and Italy.

Prior to the great war Canada imported from Austria and Germany many articles that could have been purchased in Britain, France or Italy. The last named countries, in turn, bought from Germany millions of dollars worth of goods which could have been purchased from Canada. To carry to the business houses of Britain and our European allies information as to Canadian trade opportunities and to gain in turn information as to the lines Britain, France and Italy will buy from the Dominion will be the object of the commission. They will make an exhaustive study of the conditions and markets and the report they should be able to make on their return should be of great value.

Mr. W. Frank Hatheway will represent the Maritime Provinces on this commission and it is his wish that all business men or who desire to secure information on any line shall communicate with him within the coming week.

There is opportunity for the commission to do great work for Canada but in order to get the best results the active co-operation of the business community is essential.

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C. P. R. Western Manager Here. Grant Hall, general manager of western lines for the C.P.R., passed through the city yesterday. He had been in Montreal attending a conference and decided to take a few hours' rest.

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Me and Puds dimkins was setting on my front steps and Mary Watkins came out and began to set on her front steps, and me and Puds started to have a argument about her, me saying she liked me more than she liked Puds, and Puds saying she liked him more than she liked me. Well, let's go over and ask her, that will prove it, I sed.

All rite, I ain't afraid, let's sed Puds. And we went over to Mary Watkins front steps and sat down, me setting on one side of her and Puds setting on the other side of her, not talking about anything special, and after a while I sed, Hay, Mary, do you want to settle a argument?

Wat kind of a argument, sed Mary Watkins.

Tell her, Puds, I sed.

You tell her, sed Puds.

Puds wants to say you like him more than you like me, I sed.

If you say you like me the most wen I grow up I'll buy you a automobile.

I'll buy you as many automobiles as you want, I sed.

I'll buy you an airplane, sed Puds. I'll buy you a grate big airplane and teach you how to run it.

You don't no how to run it yourself, I sed.

And I'll leave you a million dollars in my will, to sed Puds.

I'll leave you 2 millions, I sed. Wich Puds was jest starting to say he woud leave her 3 wen his sissy cousin Persey came down the street throwing a dime up in the air and catching it agen, but pritty carrell not to throw it very high, and he sed, Halo, Mary, do you want to go with me?

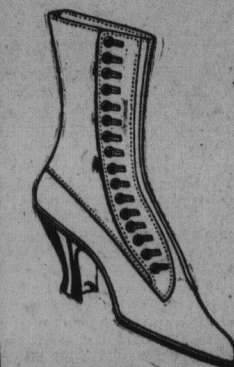
Yes, warden! sed Mary Watkins, looking at the dime.

To the movies, sed Persey. And she got up and wawked away with him, and me and Puds jest sat there.

days and come around this way. He said that things were looking up in the west, the big wheat crop had put a lot of money in circulation and prospects were very bright indeed. The C.P.R. were not planning any big developments in the west at present. They were preparing for to handle a large immigration after the war and taking it all through there was a splendid spirit of optimism manifest in the west. He left last night in his private car "Manitoba" for home by way of New York and Chicago.

OBITUARY.

Bathurst, May 5.—Mrs. Wightman, wife of Rev. E. A. Wightman, of the Methodist church, passed away at the parsonage on Friday morning at two o'clock. Her death, though not unexpected, was hardly looked for so soon notwithstanding she failed considerably during the last few days. About fifteen months ago Mrs. Wightman developed symptoms of cancer, and a year ago on the 10th inst. she went to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal for further examination. The celebrated Dr. Garrod decided that an operation offered the only chance of recovery, and this was performed a few days after arrival at the hospital. It was hoped a speedy recovery would follow, and for a time this seemed likely, but evidently the disease had gone too far, and in October she gave evidence of return. Though Mrs. Wightman possessed a strong constitution from that time the



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