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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 COUNCIL AND THE GRAIN ELEVATOR.

Apparently Mayor Hayes and Commissioners Fisher and McLeelan are hard to convince. After two conferences with representatives of the Canadian Government Railways system and a frank statement of the intentions of the Government toward St. John in the matter of the grain elevator, they still are unable to see why the proposed structure could not be erected on some site other than that chosen, between Prince William and Water streets. The Standard has no desire to question the sincerity of these gentlemen, but whether they know it or not, they are playing into the hands of those who, for political reasons, do not want St. John to get the elevator in time for next season's business or any part of it.

When the elevator question was first brought up the loudest note in all discussion was that it should be ready in time for the business of the coming season. Mr. Gutelius informed citizens of St. John that there was no other site on which the structure could be erected and finished in time except that chosen. It is presumed that the manager of the Canadian Government Railways gave the matter more than passing thought before he so definitely placed himself on record. It is also quite likely that Hon. Mr. Hazen knew what he was talking about when he urged the adoption of the Water street site, and requested that the city should come to an early decision in regard to it. Grain elevators are not built in a day or a week, and even now much time has been lost.

Except for the fact that the Canadian Government Railway officials have publicly reiterated what was generally known at the time of the discussion over the Valley Railway matter, that the land in the vicinity of the old I. C. R. elevator would all be required for a new passenger station, the situation in regard to the elevator has not changed in the past two months. The fact that the railway men did not bring with them and exhibit plans of the proposed station cannot be taken as a serious argument that they do not intend to build it. The station will be provided when the money is available for the purpose, but there is one thing certain, the selection of the Mill street property for a grain elevator will forever prevent the construction of a railway depot there.

There is also very little in the contention that the Water street site will not afford sufficient space for the elevator and the shipment of grain and that if built there it will be a "one horse" affair. The Government plans call for an elevator plant of 1,000,000 bushels capacity, of which 500,000 bushels will be supplied at once. Such a structure would not be built in a site where it could not be profitably and fully worked. In this, as in other matters affecting port development, it is a very good plan to place some confidence in Mr. Hazen and the Government officials. They have not yet failed us and there is no indication that they will.

BRITISH SAILORS' RELIEF.

That the British navy has proven the salvation of Canada in the present war is a trite saying but nevertheless a true one. The opening of the war found Germany with a gigantic army and a navy—good, but not sufficiently powerful to successfully run through the lines of battleships in the North Sea.

Let us suppose for an instant that the British fleet had been less capable, or British sailors less valorous during the first six months of the war and before the victorious march of the German hordes had been stopped at the Marne. What might have happened? Germany, at that time, had troops and to spare and if her naval forces had equalled that of England could have conveyed fleets of transports loaded with soldiers from the great German ports to the Atlantic coasts of Canada.

Once on this side of the water Canada could not successfully oppose the landing of whatever armed force Germany cared to send, and while Canadians would have resisted, even after the foot of the invader had pressed the soil of this country, that resistance, while surely gallant, would

have been futile. In such event it is quite conceivable that the horrors attendant upon the Teutonic occupation of Belgium might have been enacted in this fair land. Consequently for the fact that we, on this side of the Atlantic, have suffered none of the real tragedy of war we can thank the British navy and the navy alone.

The debt Canadians owe to that navy can never be repaid, so it is very little to ask, as the directors of the British Sailors' Relief Association are asking, that we should give a little of our plenty and prosperity toward the dependents of the men of the British naval forces. It is requested that in New Brunswick \$10,000 be subscribed to a fund for that purpose and to date scarcely one quarter of the amount has been secured.

It is quite true that residents of St. John and of New Brunswick are today meeting demands of many organizations rendered necessary by the war, but the sum total of all the gifts sent forward from this province amounts to very little in comparison to the hardship and peril which might have been visited upon our people if the German grand fleet had succeeded in breaking through Britain's naval barrier. The British navy stood as the insurance of Canada's safety and the premium on that insurance is long overdue. Is it not possible for the people of this province to pay at least a little toward it through the medium of the British Sailors' Relief Association? The Mayor of St. John is the local treasurer and all subscriptions will be gratefully received.

WHERE IS THE TELEGRAPH?

The Ottawa Journal is an independent Conservative newspaper frequently quoted with approval by the Telegraph and Times, yet recent events lead to the opinion that the Capital City publication will no longer be a welcome visitor to the Canterbury street offices. For the Journal has completely ignored the Telegraph and Times in its classification of the Liberal newspapers in Canada which have unceasingly attacked the Government and every member of it. The Journal of Monday published the following from the London, Ontario, Advertiser:

"When accounts are cast up by the Canadian people at the conclusion of the war, there will be some great 'patriots' unmasked; some, indeed, who with greedy hands have been weaving a halter with which to hang themselves. The final audit will reveal those who have taken advantage of the country, and they will not be few in number."

And in commenting upon it said: "This from the paper that sneered at Sir Robert Borden as a 'scaremonger' when, at the beginning of the war, he cabled an offer of 20,000 men to Britain, and which later wanted to have our share in the war restricted to commissariat work. Next to the Toronto Globe, the Advertiser has been the dirtiest paper in Canada in its attacks upon the government. The foulness of its innuendoes against Canadian public men before and during the war investigation were not exceeded even by the Carvels and the Kyles. And even now, when the Duff-Meredith commission shows it to have been an irresponsible much-raker, it persists in its unclean work."

Evidently the editor of the Journal does not devote many minutes of his day to the perusal of the Telegraph and Times. If he did he would revise his opinion of the Globe and Advertiser.

"A NEW DEAL."

It is truly remarkable the manner in which opposition speakers and newspapers have busted themselves in the attempt to shake clear of the disgraceful record of the gentlemen who held the treasury benches in this province prior to 1908. In accepting the nomination of his party at the convention in Hampton, Mr. E. S. Carter declared that he and his associates held no brief for the old government, would accept no responsibility for their failings and take no credit for their achievements. Since that time the opposition newspapers throughout the province vigorously and with much clamor have asserted that the present opposition party stands for a "new deal," and must not be confounded

with the gentlemen whose peculations were responsible for much scandal in the days before the people installed Hon. J. D. Hasen as Premier of New Brunswick.

That phrase "a new deal" may mean much, but by no stretch of imagination can it be construed as a "square deal" while the party promising it continues to operate with the old cards. The candidates of that party, already chosen, include Clifford W. Robinson, F. J. Sweeney and C. M. Leger, all prominent "cards" in the old scandal marked pack. In fact, Messrs. Robinson and Sweeney were for a time the "big" and "little casino" respectively, the one as Provincial Secretary and the other as Surveyor General, or, as the office is now, Minister of Lands and Mines.

In short all the old cards of the party are retained in the new game, the only difference in the 1916 pack being that the dealers have added the "joker" in the person of Mr. E. S. Carter. It is not possible to get a "new deal" with the old pack.

Must Find Seats For All Female Employees

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—With your permission I desire to express through the columns of your paper my sincere appreciation of the prompt manner in which a number of merchants doing business in this city have complied with the section incorporated into the New Brunswick Factories Act, at the last session of the Legislative Assembly.

This amendment calls for chairs or seats being provided for the exclusive use of female help, to be used by them when not necessarily engaged in their work. This will meet with the commendation of all citizens who have any consideration for the future health and welfare of the girls and women who are obliged to work in shops for a livelihood.

This is in marked contrast to some I have interviewed with reference to this important matter. They have not only been impertinent but have refused to place suitable seats for the use of their female employees, and whose only apparent desire seems to be to get all the work possible from their female help. They give little or no thought to their health or comfort. However, I do not propose to relax my efforts along this line until I am satisfied that the proprietors of all establishments have made provisions to meet the case, and that the female help receive the full benefit of this law. It is my intention, when time arrives, to publish the names of each individual, firm or corporation, refusing or neglecting to place suitable seats easy of access for the use of all women in their employ. In addition I shall take proceedings against all delinquents.

Thanking you, I am,
Yours truly,
JOHN KENNEY,
Inspector.

Song Of The Dogger Banks

Julian Mitchell in London Times.
Seven million English folk, working by the Thames.

Some without a decent clout and some in shirt sleeves,
When the windy whistle mixes in between
Some one on a collier's caught a submarine;
When a drowsy cruiser takes the Essex coast
She has done her rounding up and bitten a German host;
When a piped derelict cuddles in a bay
Some one in the Kiel Canal has got a bill to pay.

Seven million English folk working here about,
Twenty million British folk helping us abroad—
What we do atween us Lord in Mercy knows.
But the sea is swept and clean and from the Gulf of Aden to Gibraltar's Straits
Something grey and lean and keen by the counter walls;
Something smears the early sun 'cross a distant line,
Just a little wispy patch, but that's the old Thames' sign.

Seven million English folk scattered here about,
Hewing coal and pulling steel and putting vessels out—
Nought we say to no man, but we bide by this:
Here the old folk left us with their dying kiss,
And so long as springtime paints the thickly
Here by Grace of God and self our children's child shall stay
Free and unmolested, barring Dogger winds,
Barring spray from Biscay Bay or Channel's misty blinds.

Seven million English folk, giving of their best,
Nightly lit with funnels, so you get full rest—
Some have swept the forelands and ripped an icy zone,
Some have let a tropic wash mingle with their bone.
Tide and fresh and eddy's splash, here we call you back
By the cliffs of Dover on the swing-ing track;
Buildings guard your wicket gate, bulldogs nurse the sea,
Bulldozers wait along the Thames and sniff about the quay.

If you be a stranger from Australia far
We can give you greeting, knowing what you are.

Little Benny's Note Book

Willum, I red a good joak today, ma sed to pop after supper pushtidday. Well then I avise you to keep it a secret, the joaks you dent tell are very funny, sed pop.

O, is that so, sed ma, well jest for that Im going to tell it and make you laff, its about a girl playing the piano, and one man see to another one, Wat do you think of her enunciation? and the other man see, Im in favor of it. You cant say I didnt warn you, sed pop.

I gess it didnt git fixactly rite, it seems to me perhaps enunciation isnt the hact word, sed ma.
O well, wats one joak in eternity, sed pop. And he lit a segar and started to read the paper, and ma looked up in the air thinking, and after a wile she sed, Articulation, no it coodent be articulation.
So it coodent, sed pop.

And he kepp on smooking and reading, and ma sed, Delivery, how wood that be.
It woodent be, sed pop.
How provoking, sed ma, let me see, acquistics.
Worse and more of it, sed pop.
And ma thwat a wile longer, and then she sed, Execution, thats it, execution, wat do you think of her execution? Im in favor of it, isnt that a good joak.

It sertenly is, and it was jest as good wen Noah brawt it over in the ark, sed pop.
Do you meen to say youve herd it before? sed ma.
O, not more than 2000 times, sed pop, and ma sed, Then wy in the world didnt you tell me the rite word if you noo all that time?
I wanted to see how many times you cood get it rong, sed pop.

Aront you clever, sed ma. And she made a faze at him, ony pop didnt see it on account of the paper being up in frunt of him.

Maybe we have slept awhile, dreamed and dozed a day,
Sought the lazy afternoon beneath a naval away.
Now the badge is on us, bites the hardened steel,
Muscles that were lax and loose quiver to the feel—
How the river rustles, how the fides exalt!
Engaged with a thousand sinews washes out her fault.

GREAT SHEMAOGUE

Great Shemogues, July 27.—Mr. and Mrs. James Trenholm spent a few days this week with relatives at the Upper Cape.

Mrs. White and daughter, Mrs. Casey, of Lynn, Mass., visited in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ogden, of Tid-nish, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Donkin and son, Charles, of Amherst, accompanied by Mrs. George S. Avar, of Lincoln, Mass., motored here last week and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cadman.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Avar, of Sackville, visited here on Sunday. Mr. Fred. Scott, of Point De Bute, is a guest at the home of Mr. John Scott.

Mrs. Philip Richards, of Shediac, is visiting at her old home here.

Mr. Harper Amos, of Boston, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Janet Amos.

Miss Lydia Scott is visiting at Murray Corner.

Coun. T. M. Gould was at Dorchester this week.

COLLINA.

Collina, N. B., Aug. 1.—Mr. John Andrew Leiper and his daughters, Nettie and Muriel, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Goucher and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Schofield.

The many friends of Gilbert N. Goucher will be glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent serious illness.

Mrs. J. A. Perry of Clavet, Sask., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

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