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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 WEST SIMCOE.

A particularly bitter political campaign was brought to a close in West Simcoe, Ontario, on Monday when the by-election to fill the seat in the Ontario legislature made vacant by the death of Hon. James Duff resulted in a victory for the Conservative candidate by a majority of 631—but slightly below the normal Conservative majority in that riding.

The campaign was notable for the elaborate preparations made by the Liberals who purposed to show in that riding what the party could do in Ontario in a general election. Consequently federal issues, race questions, everything that could be used to create prejudice against either the federal or the provincial administrations were brought into play, and the campaign was a representation in miniature of the turmoil into which the whole country would be thrown should the Liberals succeed in forcing a general election. The result hardly repaid the Liberals for the preparations made.

Hon. Mr. Duff whose death created the vacancy rendering the contest necessary was a man of great personal popularity. He had been elected by acclamation on two occasions but before his return the normal Conservative majority of the riding was 700. In Monday's contest, in a light vote, the Conservatives lost ten per cent. of their normal majority. The Liberals are welcome to all the consolation they can derive from the result.

HUGE BANK DEPOSITS.

The best possible evidence of the prosperity of the country is the periodical bank statement. The latest statistics of deposits show that Canadians never had so much money to their credit. The increase during the past decade, the last five years and since the outbreak of the war is remarkable. The statement for the month of October touches the high water mark. The savings deposits totalled \$814,297,404 and the deposits on demand were \$489,230,224 as against \$701,336,850 and \$392,942,193 in October, 1915, or an increase in the year of the extraordinary amount of two hundred and ten million dollars. Since 1911 there has been an increase in deposits of over four hundred and eighty million dollars. Since 1905 the increase in deposits on demand has been three fold and the increase in savings deposits about two and a half fold, a record which is doubtful if any country in the world can equal.

The following are the yearly figures for the months of October since 1905 as compiled by authorities in Ottawa. They tell their own story of growth and prosperity of which every Canadian should be proud.

Year	Deposits	Savings
1916	\$489,230,224	\$814,297,404
1915	\$392,942,193	\$701,336,850
1914	\$348,732,830	\$659,806,682
1913	\$289,856,507	\$621,511,207
1912	\$283,814,572	\$644,097,928
1911	\$331,055,562	\$586,451,045
1910	\$280,838,612	\$549,016,725
1909	\$250,958,487	\$480,337,606
1908	\$190,114,091	\$414,789,247
1907	\$170,498,311	\$416,787,636
1906	\$181,408,733	\$390,909,519
1905	\$150,868,116	\$349,822,859

FIGHTING HIGH COSTS.

The decision to organize a Housewives' League which was reached by a meeting of St. John women in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon, is deserving of every commendation. The primary object is to fight high prices, and while it was well attained by similar organizations of women in New York, shortly before Christmas, yet there are other avenues of usefulness stretching before the league.

The war against high prices, or, rather, high costs, can be waged in many ways. It is not always necessary to accept a boycott to bring to terms dealers who make an extreme profit out of the sale of food-stuffs. Economy in the home and the elimination of waste will have an effect that will compare with anything to be secured by coercive measures.

Women in Great Britain are fighting high costs and practicing thrift in many ways. In London, neighborhood

clubs have been formed, the members of which pledge themselves to eat simple food, wear inexpensive clothes and eschew luxuries wherever possible. The money saved in this way is turned into a common fund and used to purchase war loan certificates, or, if the organization is charitably inclined, to improve the circumstances of the dependents of soldiers. The idea had its inception as a means of promoting the first popular British war loan. The splendid advertising campaign carried on in that connection inspired thousands of women to exert themselves to the utmost to aid the nation and clubs were speedily formed and, to date, have proven very successful.

It is understood that the chief purpose of the local organization will be to provide an effective means of combating food costs and saving on the household budget. This in itself is worthy, even if the league goes no further, for any movement that can add to the national wealth either by earning or saving merits every encouragement.

A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

The outcry for a "national" government must depend upon the assumption that the present Government is not a national government. A national government is one which rightly interprets the spirit and enforces the purpose of the nation. To win the war is the spirit and purpose of this nation. Any man who says that this Government is not loyal to the spirit and purpose of the Canadian nation lies—and the truth is not in him, says the Winnipeg Telegram. Any man who says that this Government would permit any motive or purpose to deflect its energy from winning the war, not even the purpose sacred to most governments, that of retaining office, also lies. This Government is absolutely unafraid of being defeated and destroyed, not because it might not be defeated and destroyed, but because if it is defeated and destroyed when the purpose of its existence is accomplished, it can sing the canticle of nunc dimittis with a serene consciousness of having fought a good fight and kept the faith and honor of this country.

In this main essential of nationality, absolute devotion to the service of the nation's will, this Government is a national government. It may be rejoined that it is a weak government, that it leads haltingly and with uncertain step. Its achievements do not show this. It has placed the arms, finance, commerce and industry of this country upon an efficient war footing in an incredibly short space of time. What Canada has done is nowhere misanthropic except in Canada. Elsewhere it is admired as approaching the miraculous. There has not been a single juncture of affairs of a critical nature where this Government has not acted with certainty, foresight and despatch. It has not followed hither and thither, while right, perhaps, have forestalled the time; still less has it yielded to the timid, who wring their hands in impotence and despair, but in each instance has taken the tide at the flood, which leads on to fortune.

The most remarkable example of this is in the success which is attending national registration. No more difficult moment ever confronted this or any government than when Sir Thomas Tait resigned the directorship of national registration. The Government immediately appointed H. B. Bennett, a man of unusual eloquence, unbounded energy and sympathetic enthusiasm. We know now what a man with the antecedents and character of Sir Thomas Tait, assisted by an ex-secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, would have made of national registration. We see now what H. B. Bennett has made of it. Inspired by the great effort of the Premier (with his health and responsibilities, a most devoted effort) and fired by the eloquence of H. B. Bennett, the whole country from ocean to ocean has galloped with a united throng of self-sacrificing devotion, while the snakes which had raised their heads to hiss are biting their own coils in impotence and dismay.

The result is administrative, true, but the wisdom which foreman and over-

ed the danger and assured the success is the attribute of the Government. Yet all that these "national" government advocates have to offer us is, at the best, a government of Sir Thomas Tait, and, at the worst, one of Kyles and Carrolls.

NOVA SCOTIA INDUSTRIES PROSPEROUS

Big Financial and Industrial Men in City Yesterday—Uniformity in Maritime Legislation.

Hector Melness, the well known corporation lawyer of Halifax, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. Mr. Melness was accompanied to the city by H. Macdonald, general manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Ltd. Both gentlemen are outstanding figures in the industrial and financial life of Nova Scotia. While here they inspected the local subsidiary concerns of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. They left last evening for Montreal on business.

Mr. Melness reports that conditions are good in Nova Scotia and that the indications point to a prosperous year in the sister province. Mr. Melness was last June elected as a representative of Halifax in the legislative assembly. The presence in the house will undoubtedly add to its strength. He is considerably interested in the proposed suggestions for securing uniformity in legislation as far as practicable in the Maritime Provinces. This matter has been advanced recently by the activity of the attorney-general of New Brunswick, Hon. J. H. Baxter, who is convinced that much good would follow a system of uniform legislation. It is not unlikely that the matter will be carried to a successful conclusion in the early future.

DEAD MAN ELECTED COUNCILLOR IN QUEBEC

Aylmer, Que., Jan. 16.—One of the most remarkable elections in the history of Canada took place here yesterday. John Beaton, alderman in West Ward, who was at death's door when nominated a week ago, died on Saturday. His death would not have locally removed from the ballot and although H. LeGrand, who was nominated in opposition did not conduct a campaign against his opponent, the electors marked up forty-six more votes against the name of Beaton than they did that of LeGrand.

Under the Quebec laws there will have to be a by-election. DOMINION BRIDGE TO GIVE BONUS PROBABLY. Special to The Standard. Montreal, Jan. 16.—Directors of the Dominion Bridge Company meet tomorrow for dividend action when it is expected that the regular quarterly dividend of two per cent. will be declared together with the three per cent. bonus which has accompanied the regular quarterly distribution for the past year and a half.

OBITUARY.

Charles Baillie.

With the deepest regret the wide circle of Charles Baillie's friends learned of his death which took place at his home, 173 Germain street, about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased, who was in the 81st year of his age, had been failing in health for the past three months, but had not been confined to his residence until the past month. He leaves, besides his wife, two sons and two daughters. The sons are Charles W., of St. John, and Alexander H., of the Dominion Bank staff, Toronto; the daughters are Mrs. W. L. Bartlett, of North Reading, Mass., and Miss Caroline B., at home. The son Alexander will arrive in the city Thursday morning, and the funeral will take place from the late residence that afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Charles Baillie was one of the most prominent residents of the city, and in addition to conducting a tobacco store on King street had a wide rep-

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

I was sitting on our front steps wishing it would snow, and Mrs. Wilkins came along wheeling her baby in the baby coach, and when she got up to me she stopped, saying to the baby, Does little Winfield see Benny, shake day day to Benny, Winfield.

With the baby just kepp on setting there looking dum, with it properly in, and Mrs. Wilkins said, Winfield, dont you heer muvver speaking at you, shake day day to Benny.

With the baby just looked at me as if it shawt I was as funny looking as it was, with in not, and I sed, Maybe it dont know wat you mean, Mrs. Wilkins.

Winfield knows every word I say to him, I never saw sutch a brite baby, sed Mrs. Wilkins.

Can he jump up and open the door by himself? I sed.

Sertony not, sed Mrs. Wilkins.

Mrs. Simkinsness cut can, I sed.

Mervay, sed Mrs. Wilkins.

Can he count numbers by barking? I sed.

Barking, sutch an bloer, sed Mrs. Wilkins.

Sid Hunts for terrier Teddy can, can Winfield say O dam? I sed.

O, Benny, sed Mrs. Wilkins and I sed, Mrs. Scotis parrit can.

Well then you awtent to associate with it and I wont let my little

Winfield associate with you, sed Mrs. Wilkins. And she wheeled him away looking as if she was sorry she stopped.

utation as a rod and fly maker, in which art he was second to none in the country. Many anglers from Upper Canada and the United States, as well as those in the lower provinces, sought Mr. Baillie for his excellent fishing rods and flies, and in fact he was busily engaged tying flies up to three months ago. He was always an admirer of athletics; for years was a member of St. Andrew's Curling Club. During the summer months he devoted considerable time to the gym and row. He was a skilful fisherman, and for casting a fly held a record of 110 feet.

Charles Baillie was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and came to St. John in 1870, and went into business for himself two years after his arrival here. In 1876 he married Martha Jane Hamilton, of this city, who survives him.

Miss Marjorie C. Parker, daughter of Leonard Parker, Tynemouth Creek, St. John county, died on Monday. She is survived by three brothers, K. Stewart Parker, of Tynemouth Creek; H. C. Parker, of Halifax, and R. Leonard Parker, of Tynemouth Creek; and five sisters, Mrs. W. E. Ewing, of this city, and the Misses Jennie, Annie, Jessie and Gladys, at home.

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