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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.

WHY?

Frank B. Carvell, Member of Parliament for the County of Carleton, N. B., and George W. Kyte, Member of Parliament for the County of Richmond, N. S., have made serious allegations against a responsible minister of the Canadian Government and responsible Canadian officials.

These allegations and comments upon them by the men named and the Liberal press have had the effect of defaming Canada and of arousing throughout the world a contempt and prejudice against this country.

Free and full investigation of the allegations made by Carvell and Kyte has shown there was no corruption or dishonesty on the part of the Minister of the Canadian Government or the Canadian officials referred to.

Why should Frank B. Carvell, Member of Parliament for the County of Carleton, N. B., and George W. Kyte, Member of Parliament for the County of Richmond, N. S., be permitted to remain in Canadian public life?

"THE MOVIES, THEIR USE AND ABUSE."

The Standard devotes considerable space this morning to the publication of the full text of a very excellent paper dealing with this subject, prepared by Dr. W. C. Keirstead of the University of New Brunswick, and read by him before the Teachers' Institute which closed yesterday. The subject is of very great general interest and worthy of serious thought, for the wonderful development and progress of the motion picture from the first crude efforts to present photographs of moving objects, to the beautiful and, for the most part, highly artistic masterpieces presented daily to millions of people, make it a force in the life of every community that it would be folly to deny or underestimate. How best to use this force for the benefit of the community and the race has been given consideration by hundreds of thoughtful men and women and they have reached very different conclusions.

It must be admitted that the state has the same right to control and regulate the motion picture that it enjoys in connection with any other form of public amusement—no more and no less. It is no more wise to say that the producers and exhibitors of pictures should be permitted to have free rein in the subjects they offer for the entertainment of the public, than that promoters of the spoken drama should be allowed to produce any play offered to them that they believe might prove commercially profitable. In exercise of this right the state has appointed censors to view and pass upon the subjects offered for exhibition on the motion picture screen, and those censors are responsible for the class of pictures presented. But the position of the censors should not be misunderstood or their powers over-estimated. They can keep out immoral or bad pictures but they cannot furnish good ones and the material finding its way before them in the first instance is merely what has been produced for consumption elsewhere and has already passed before other boards of review.

Some producers of motion pictures object to censorship claiming that, after all, the public are the best and most competent judges, and will not patronize or make commercially profitable pictures which are immoral or unfit for public gaze, but the majority of the producers favor a reasonable state control of their product.

It has been said: "Why have picture censors, when the spoken drama is not generally censored?" The answer is obvious, first, no manager of a reputable theatrical company would permit characters in his productions to speak lines that would give offence to his patrons. If he did the success of his productions would be very brief. The picture is more subtle than the spoken drama, for immorality, or indecency, can be suggested by the photographed reproduction of an action or scene, staged in the comparative privacy of a producing studio thousands of miles from the field of exhibition.

Again, the picture theatre has reached a stage of development never dreamed of in the fondest imaginings of the promoters of the older amusement attractions, the low price of

admission has opened this field as a regular weekly, semi-weekly or even daily amusement to hundreds of thousands to whom the ordinary theatrical performance was a luxury of comparative rarity. A very large proportion of the patrons of picture theatres are children, and he would indeed be bold who would say that the usual child should be permitted to select its own amusements any more than its own books or the articles of food it best likes. Pictures are produced, passed by the censors, and exhibited which would not be considered fit food for a childish eye or mind. This is admitted, but, in itself, is no reason why all pictures should be brought to the child's level. A father or mother who would not permit his or her child to read the writings of some of the greatest masters of English, can nevertheless get much enjoyment, and mental stimulus from perusal of those same works. So with the picture, what might be absolutely unfit and dangerous for a child patron would be suitable and enjoyable for adult audiences, but any statement that the average motion picture is unfit for exhibition is no more correct than to say that the average book is unfit to read. At the same time it is wisely recognized that so long as children are permitted to attend picture theatres indiscriminately, just so long must there be a rigid regulation of the programmes offered.

Prof. Keirstead's suggestion that there should be a Federal censorship is a good one, but it is doubtful if it will give perfect satisfaction. The New Brunswick Board of Censors has rejected pictures that have been passed in Ontario, Quebec, and other provinces, and have passed pictures which have not been judged suitable for exhibition in these centres; so, after all, it is largely a matter of individual judgment and local conditions. In this province the public is fortunate in that the class of pictures shown is distinctly good. Possibly some are not suitable for children, but this can be remedied until arrangements are made whereby children and adults are offered programmes suited to their individual requirements and tastes.

CANADA FIGHTS AS A NATION.

There was a mighty outcry against Sir Sam Hughes in the Liberal press because of the latter having written a letter to the late Lord Kitchener bearing upon the expediency of holding the Ypres salient. Sir Sam had intended taking the matter up with the British Secretary of War, when he was called home from England to answer the Kite charges. Nothing further came of it, and the Canadians have held on, with recent losses, it is now estimated, of 12,000 men. There has since come information from the British Government that the salient is deemed to be essential ground. Whether the Canadian minister's opinions would have had weight, had he personally presented them, no one now may say. But this much is sure: That Canada had a right to speak through her minister, and that those Canadians who tell us that "Hughes was trying to tell Kitchener how to run the war" are mistaken in their view of Sir Sam's attitude.

Now comes the Manitoba Free Press (Liberal) with the statement that Canada is not being recognized at the battle front as she ought to be! Says The Free Press:

"Canada, we cannot but think, would have done better for herself and for the cause of the Allies if from the very beginning she had gone into this war as a principal, not as an assistant; as a nation, not as a colony."

Our Western contemporary likes Canada in size to Serbia, Belgium and Bulgaria, and asks why we should not have been able to play our part as

independently as these nations. We think that The Manitoba Free Press is wasting a lot of valuable space with its pretense that Canada has not had that prominence in the conduct of the war that belongs to her. We have quoted its reference here in order merely to show how absolutely impossible it is to satisfy the anti-Hughes critics in Canada. One minute they are crying out that Sir Sam is "telling Kitchener how to run the war;" the next instant they seem to want agricultural Canada to be immediately self-sufficient a belligerent as Belgium, Bulgaria and Serbia had required even centuries to become. The nonsense of this is self-evident. Canada is content to play her part at the side of the motherland, and in close union with the sister nations within the empire.

Moreover, Canada did go into this war as a nation, and not as a colony. We have been absolutely free agents throughout. We are free agents to-day. We are free agents to-morrow. It is time that Canadians get closer together. To find a great Canadian newspaper like The Winnipeg Free Press raising the issue of our independence in this war is most discouraging.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?
One of the most ardent supporters of the Griffins is a woman and toward the end of last season when the Senators were out of the race she showed her loyalty to the team by naming a kitten after the nine regulars. She took the first two letters in the names of Moeller, Milan, Shanks, Foster, MacBride, Morgan, Gandil, Johnson and Alsmith and made a name—out of it.

ONE OF THE NEW SERIES OVERLAND MODEL 75B TAKES BUCKHORN MOUNTAIN ON HIGH.

Another demonstration of the power of the modern light weight cars took place near Altoona, Pa., several days ago when one of the New Series 75B Overlands went up Buckhorn Mountain, one of the highest elevations in Pennsylvania, on high gear. This is a feat that has stumped many six-cylinder cars in the past. Naturally, the accomplishment has given the light, economical 75B greater prestige than ever in the eyes of the automobile world. Buckhorn Mountain, just outside of Altoona, Pa., is a long, seven-mile hill full of steep grades, that reaches a height of 2,850 feet. A number of six-cylindered motor car manufacturers use it as the experimental grounds for their products.

To thoroughly test out the New Series Model 75B, just received from the factory, J. L. Bender, Overland dealer at Altoona, decided to put one through its paces up Buckhorn Mountain. As the accompanying photographs show the feat was no light task, but the New Series Model 75B came through with flying colors, doing the entire seven miles up hill and down dale at an average of twenty-five miles an hour.

This demonstration of the power of the new 75B's motor is entirely in keeping with the reports being received from all over the country. Almost simultaneously with the report of the climb up Buckhorn Mountain came word that a similar feat up Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn., had been accomplished. Up in Maine, a New Series Overland 75B passed over a road that had not been in use for forty years without a scratch or mar. A match salesman in Texas reported crossing "Big Sandy," a five-mile desert of sand between Red Rock and Rosanky, Texas, in a New Series Model 75B without the aid of mules, a stunt that has rarely been accomplished.

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Little Benny's Note Book

Mr. Parkins came to see my sister Gladis last night, and they was in the parlor sitting on the sofa and talking, and me and my cousin Artie was outside in the hall wawking on our hands and feet playing we was horse and giving each other terms riding on each others backs, Artie making a pritty slanting horse on account of his arms being so much shorter than his legs, and all of a sudden he sed, I wonder how it feels to be krazy.

G, lets pretend we are and see if Gladis and Mr. Parkins know the differents, I sed.

Wich we started to do, wawking up and down the hall wawing our arms and falling against the walls, and Gladis called out, Say, out there, wat are you doing, trying to knock the house down.

I hear the voice of a chockit Sunday, I sed.

I hear the voice of a fried cantelope, sed Artie. And he wawked in the parlor and I put my arms around his waist and wawked in back of him, like a Dutch comedians, Artie saying, Make way, make way, the queen has falts teeth, and me saying, Make way, make way, the king has a wooden leg.

Wat new monkey business is this? sed Gladis.

Now, boys, wate are your manners? sed Mr. Parkins.

Unhand me, villin, your a perfect stranger, sed Artie. And he brook away from me and started to wate his arms around and bump into furniture, and I sat down on the floor and stuck my legs up and started to tern around like a top, saying, Im 200 years old and never bin kised.

Are you 2 krazy? sed Gladis.

Has he guesed our secret, back to the asylum, sed Artie. And I grabbed him around the waist and the 2 krazy men marched out agen.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gagnett. The death took place on Thursday at Garnett's Settlement, of Mrs. Elizabeth Gagnett, widow of James Gagnett. She is survived by six sons, four daughters and two stepsons. On Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock the funeral will take place from her late residence.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the Common Clerk, City Hall, addressed to him, until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, July 11th next, for concrete pavement in North and South Market Lots. Plans and specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Road Engineer, City Hall. All tenders must be accompanied with cash or a certified check for four hundred dollars as deposit.

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POLICE COURT YESTERDAY. Yesterday afternoon in the police court a number of prisoners were remanded to jail again.

At the morning session Frank S. Purdy, charged with harboring a ferocious dog, did not appear. Hearing postponed.

C. Nixon was fined eight dollars for using abusive language to George Beekingham.

A number of persons were reported for violation of the traffic law.

O. W. Wood, for turning corner of Main and Mill streets without sound-