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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.

FOR THOSE IN CAPTIVITY.

A movement which is rapidly making progress in Canada received a very material impetus in Toronto yesterday when the churches of every denomination were asked to bring all possible help to soldiers of the Allied armies now held prisoners in Germany.

These men do not necessarily belong to Canada or even to the British Isles for out of more than 1,500,000 prisoners, not more than 40,000 are claimed by Canada or Britain. But the others are ours too in the sense that they are brothers in arms and they are fighting for Canada just as surely as the men of our own contingents.

If we as Canadians heard so clearly the call to join in the great meeting of Allies in France, where Russians, Belgians, French, and British face a common foe, and if we Canadians heard so clearly the call from the furthest fighting areas for Red Cross units and supplies of every kind, then we as Canadians again should hear as clearly the call of our Allies, imprisoned in Germany. The greater number of these men, Belgians, French, and Russians, were taken in the early part of the war, when the enemy had an almost limitless army at his command, and could surround and capture thousands of soldiers at a time. We know that for the first six months of the war, life in most of the prison camps was unthinkable. After that societies sprang up in every country to send, not comforts, but the actual necessities of life, and for two years, with very small exception, parcels have not failed to arrive. When a prisoner is moved to another camp, there will be delay and loss of parcels. In that case the Germans have sometimes returned packages of bread to show that the prisoner had not been traced.

Societies in Canada in aid of prisoners of war, such as the Duchess of Connaught's Fund and several others, have done splendid work for our Canadian prisoners, while British organizations, now arranged on a very thorough and comprehensive basis, are doing the same for their men, with the generous help of many Canadians. But the burden that falls on each fighting ally, to support her captives is a heavy one, as they all, with the exception of Britain, suffer from the worst kind of invasion.

A letter recently received in Canada from the president of all societies for prisoners of war in France (affiliated with the French Red Cross), tells a shocking story of the cruelties practiced on prisoners held in Germany and refers to the fact that the German government has refused, since last July, to give bread to prisoners, which makes it necessary to send four pounds of bread weekly to each prisoner.

It will be easily understood what an enormous task the feeding of her prisoners must be to France, so cruelly invaded in some of her richest territory. As for Russia, we realize that she would not have the facilities for sending great quantities of food into Germany, and so we hear at last of the patient sufferings of her million prisoners, who, starving, even among the starving, call forth exclamations of pity from their fellow-captives. A Canadian interned in Switzerland has written: "Whatever you do, help the Russians!" While English returned prisoners have told how they, the Russians, picked up crumbs of mouldy bread that no one else could eat.

Patriotic men and women in Toronto have recognized the urgency of the case and yesterday was observed in that city as "Prisoners Sunday" when an effort was made to make the church attendance as large as possible and to give all the offertories to the fund for the relief of the men obliged to suffer the terrible conditions of the German prison camp.

New Brunswick should not be behind Ontario in this respect. It is true that the war has made many calls upon the generosity of our people but the cause of the prisoners is a worthy one and the sum required to insure comparative comfort for them is very small compared to the Empire's ability to pay. Let New Brunswick have a Prisoners Sunday. If the relief of the war prisoner is taken up as vigorously as other patriotic undertakings have been, its success is already well assured.

WHAT WILL HE SUPPORT?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has refused to support compulsory military service. Is it too much to ask what he will support?

Since the war broke out the Liberal leader has made practically no effort to obtain recruits. He promised to

be in the swim both for business and political reasons.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley made several attempts to construct the railway with slips of paper that were handed through this house. Finally the agitation became so strong that it meant a good deal to the political success of any party. Then came the time of the National Transcontinental Railway. One blunder had been committed when the people of another province would not permit the Intercolonial Railway to be constructed unless it followed the northern route. But the day came when still another blunder had been committed and the people of the valley deprived of the railway facilities they had been for so many years promised. And the discussion of the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, he might say that one of the greatest blunders of the government had been made. The railway had been built and the people of the valley had been deprived of the railway facilities they had been for so many years promised. And the discussion of the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, he might say that one of the greatest blunders of the government had been made. The railway had been built and the people of the valley had been deprived of the railway facilities they had been for so many years promised.

The federal government had done their duty towards the people on that occasion, if they had stood above the party politics of the day. The province would never have had to face the great debt necessitated by the construction of the St. John Valley Railway," said Hon. Mr. Baxter.

The late government had risen to the occasion on this railway project. They had fulfilled their promise to construct the railway. And if it had been wrong for the late government to make this expenditure, his honorable friend (Robinson) had had the opportunity to challenge its desirability, when Mr. Hazen had brought down the legislation to provide for the railway's construction. But he (Robinson) did not do so.

Not only did he have that opportunity, but it was more than that. The late government had the opportunity to challenge its desirability, when Mr. Hazen had brought down the legislation to provide for the railway's construction. But he (Robinson) did not do so.

He (Baxter) did not think the time was opportune to jump into a discriminatory stampage rate until the report of the forestry surveyors had been completed. The revision of the rates with regard to the timber cut on the Blue Bell tract had been made by the late Hon. Mr. Clarke who felt that he could not morally resist the claim of the licensees on that land that having paid the same bonus on their holdings they were entitled to the same rate of stampage. It was his view that when the report of the experts was received that a discriminatory rate should be applied, not among the operators, but in area and his honorable friend had not morally resisted the claim of the licensees on that land that having paid the same bonus on their holdings they were entitled to the same rate of stampage.

Refunding Provincial Debt. He did not understand his honorable friend to give anything but credit to the late government for its efforts in connection with the refunding of the provincial loans which were held across the water. He might point out that the late government had made a mistake in the refunding of the provincial loans which were held across the water. He might point out that the late government had made a mistake in the refunding of the provincial loans which were held across the water.

His honorable friend had made the statement that he could not find the information with respect to the issue of bonds for the Valley Railway to the amount of \$1,700,000. He would like to call the attention of his honorable friend to page A 44 of the A. G. Report, where the last item was St. John and Quebec Railway, \$1,700,000. He would also invite his attention to pages A 50 and A 51, where the bonded debt was treated in a footnote. In the fact of the entire, it seemed peculiar for his honorable friend to assert that there was no information in the accounts with respect to that debt.

His honorable friend had also spoken considerably on the question of sinking funds from crown lands. In connection he might point out to the house that no such sinking funds existed before the advent of Hon. Mr. Hazen's government. It had been said that use had been made in consolidated revenue account of moneys belonging to crown land sinking fund. He defended this course on the ground that it would not have been good policy for the government to have borrowed money for bridges at a higher rate than the banks allowed for interest on the revenues. The late government's plan, therefore, had been to use the money from the revenue for permanent work and recoup the treasury from bond issues.

The criticism had been made that the new government did not find much money in the treasury. He (Baxter) did not know whom they had got to look, but there were times when it was not advisable to have much money there. When it was considered that the government had the current revenue on deposit, giving the province a lesser rate of interest than the province would have to pay outsiders for money for permanent work, no one would question the wisdom of the course that the government had pursued in this respect.

The Blue Bell Tract.

His honorable friend had made reference to the former government's policy in reducing the rate of stampage on the timber cut on the Blue Bell tract so-called. He (Robinson) said that there was a world of mystery surrounding this matter and that there were many things that honorable

Little Benny's Note Book.

Pop started to hawf after supper yesterday, saying, Confound it, wat alee my throat! Benny, take this dish and run around to the drug store and get me a box of Suco kawf losengers, and if you are more than 10 minnts longer than you awt to be, come back trembling.

Yes sir, I sed. And I went around to Wites drug store and hawf the kawf losengers, being big square ones in a yello box, and I thawt, G, I wonder wat they talt like if you hawnt got a kawf?

Wich I put one in my mouth to see, and it taltst jest like candy, and I put anuther one in to see if I wasent mistaken, wich I wasent, and I put anuther one in jest to make sure, and by that time I was home agen.

Well, I've known you to be mutch slower than that, and as every-thing is relative in this imperfet world, allow me to pin an Imaginary iron cross on you, sed pop. And he opened the box, saying, Hullo, wats this, were you held up and robbed?

No sir, I thawt maybe if I ate some I woodent get a kawf, I sed. Well, youve eaten some and you hawnt got a kawf, so maybe it was a bite idee, sed pop. And he put one in his mouth and started to suckon it wile he was reading the paper, me watching him read and lissenng to him suck, and after a little wile he put anuther one in his mouth and started to suck on that, and a lot sudden I had a idee and I started to kawf, kawfing 3 kawfs. Wich pop dident do anythng except keep on suckng, and I kawfed 3 more times.

Japanese to send big army to the frunt, well, well, sed pop. And he put anuther one in his mouth, and I watched and lissened some more, and then I kawfed 3 more times.

Say, for the lover Peet, wat are you doing, practicing up to be a volcano, or wat? sed pop. You either disappear to regions unknown or go to bed, sed pop. Wich I disappeered to regions unknown, being over to Puds Sim-kines frunt steps with the fellows.

members could not understand. Members on his (Baxter's) side of the house concurred in the statement of his honorable friend that there were many things that the house could not understand, but that was not so in connection with the stampage rates on the Blue Bell tract, but rather with matters presented to them every day, not infrequently in the propositions emanating from honorable gentlemen opposite.

His honorable friend seemed to have overlooked the fact that when a revision was made of the lumber policy of the government, the licensees on the Blue Bell tract were required to pay the same bonus as any other limit holder. They had therefore a good claim to be put on the same basis as the other limit holders with respect to the rates of stampage. That was what the government had not morally resist the claim of the licensees on that land that having paid the same bonus on their holdings they were entitled to the same rate of stampage. It was his view that when the report of the experts was received that a discriminatory rate should be applied, not among the operators, but in area and his honorable friend had not morally resisted the claim of the licensees on that land that having paid the same bonus on their holdings they were entitled to the same rate of stampage.

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