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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.

### MR. MEIGHEN'S MESSAGE

War, particularly this war, is a young man's business so far as the actual fighting of the battles is concerned. In the present conflict the heritage of the young men of Canada and of the Empire is at stake, as the Prussian war lord and his murderous hordes constitute a deadly menace to the existence of the Empire so long as he is not conquered and his fighting men subdued. The responsibility for the safety and freedom of future generations rests on the shoulders of the young men of today; if they fail to realize and to fulfill the plain duty with which they are face to face it will be a sorry day for Canada and for themselves.

Yesterday hundreds of these young men heard from the lips of a man of national reputation the message of imperial duty told in simple, plain words. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Canadian Solicitor-General, visited the young men of St. John in the midst of their pleasures; a programme of conventional sports was interrupted that those participating in or watching them might give attention for a few minutes to matters of mighty moment. The young men to whom Mr. Meighen's eloquence was chiefly addressed left their amusement and listened—then they returned to the pursuit of pleasure possibly, thrilled by the fervent patriotism breathed by the speaker, but not sufficiently moved to offer their strength and their manhood to their country at the time of her gravest crisis. As far as can be learned not one name was added to the roster of any of the New Brunswick units as a result of the meeting. Possibly there will be results today. It is to be hoped so. Otherwise it is to the everlasting disgrace of the young men of this city.

The fathers of the present young men, by heroism, hardship and courage, by the unflinching bravery that has always characterized the sons of the blood, by pure and sacrificing patriotism, built up and preserved the priceless heritage of Empire that we today enjoy. That remarkable structure, based on freedom and founded in the equality of man, was reared to be the wonder of all ages and will be handed over to the young men who today do not heed the call. Are they of base metal than their fathers? It is a serious thought worthy of careful consideration. It is a solemn hour for our young men. Will they ignore the glorious traditions of the race whose blood pulses in their veins, will they prove unworthy of their trust as keepers of the Empire for which their fathers died?

With one accord the young men of New Brunswick should answer NO with a spirit and a fervor that will amaze the enemy, shame the shirkers elsewhere, for there are shirkers in other places in Canada as well as in this province, and bring joy and gladness to the hearts of the heroes in France and Flanders who are fighting our battles for us. The call is for men. For strong, brave men who will go to battle in the belief that a land worth living in is worth dying for. Such are the men required in this hour. They must be forthcoming.

### CONCERNING MACHINE GUNS.

As a shining example of the manner in which it is prepared to do its part in promoting harmony among the people, and urging the necessity of contributions to the various projects made necessary by the war, the Times last evening indulged in half a column or so of cheap criticism of the Dominion Government, and intimated that the provision of machine guns for the Canadian soldiers was not a matter in which the people should assist, but was solely the concern of the Government.

The Times first deals with the cost of machine guns, and asks whether the price is \$750 or \$1,000. The guns must be secured in the United States, as they are not manufactured in Canada, and, consequently, their price cannot be controlled by the Government or any other power in this country. Until the demand became too great for the factory to supply these guns were secured from the Colt people, and the price was in the vicinity of \$750. Unable now to secure the Colt gun it is necessary to buy the Lewis

gun, a heavier weapon, costing in the vicinity of \$1,000. This information could easily have been obtained by the Times, but to search for it would have been the decent method of proceeding, and that is not the Times way. That newspaper prefers to ask fool questions and make veiled insinuations in the hope that men as narrow as itself may be convinced that the government in some mysterious fashion is running up the cost of war necessities.

Even the British military authorities were slow to recognize the great part the machine gun would play in this war; it was not until the Germans dug themselves into their trenches in France and Flanders that the murderous efficiency of such a weapon was demonstrated. If the Canadian authorities did not provide Canadian soldiers with a sufficient number of machine guns they, at least, supplied all that the British War Office said was necessary, and if they were in error in this, they erred in good company. As speedily as the demand came for additional guns that demand was complied with. The contributions from patriotic citizens will be in addition to the number of guns the Government supplies, and no useful end can be served by criticism that may tend to check these activities.

The Times hypocritically declares that "what this country needs today is less political agitation and more attention to the task of carrying on the war." In this we agree, and we submit that one method of securing that much to be desired result in this city at least would be for some well meaning citizen to gag the gentleman with the retail mind who is directing the editorial activities of the Canterbury street wind instrument.

### THE GLOUCESTER CHARGES.

A fair sample of the playmate character of the Veniot-Carter charges has been supplied during the past day or two by the evidence adduced before the enquiry being conducted by Commissioner Chandler in Fredericton. Not one allegation of dishonesty on the part of any member, or responsible official of the provincial government has been proven. That there were minor irregularities in connection with some of the bridge and road work in Gloucester and Kent Counties has never been denied, but there has been no transaction that cannot be fully explained. It must be remembered that men employed in making bridges and roads may be excellent men for the tasks at which they are engaged and yet have little or no knowledge of the methods of accounting. Errors in making statements, irregularities in the way of charging to one work sums that should have been charged to others in the same locality, and similar mistakes due to the fact that the men employed were not familiar with books or book-keeping form the foundation of the Veniot-Carter charges.

There is no doubt that everything can and will be explained in a manner that will be eminently satisfactory to the people of this province. In the meantime Messrs. Carter and Veniot and the Grit organs that dance to their tune are busily engaged in manufacturing cheap political capital out of the situation. They are welcome to all the success they can achieve but when the evidence on both sides has been completed and the commissioner's decision given, it may be found that they have been producing smoke from little or no fire. In fact as stated in our news columns this morning the charges are being so lightly regarded by the government that it is not deemed necessary to be represented by counsel. The Carter-Veniot gang are being permitted to take all the rope they desire. In the end they will hang themselves.

The Evening Times, one of the wildest advocates of commission government, now declares that what has recently transpired at City Hall "merely proves that the citizens should elect the right kind of men to administer their affairs under any system of government." In other words it is not the plan but the man. When The Standard, some years ago, attempted to point out this same truth we were referred to as an ob-

stacle blocking the wheels of progress.

That an expert organizer is to be engaged by the Prince Edward Island fox men is news that will be joyfully received by very many men in this province. Until the war broke out the black fox business enjoyed great vogue and thousands of dollars were invested in the various companies. If it can be placed on a stable foundation where returns will be sure though of certainty much smaller than in the past, those contributing to that result will have accomplished a work of real value.

It is now well established that one machine gun in the hands of experts will prove of as much value as a whole company of soldiers armed with rifles. As there appears to be much difficulty in getting the companies of soldiers a few machine guns would make a splendid substitute. New Brunswick cannot send too many of them.

### Thor

(Beatrice Barry, in the New York Times).

I am the God of War—yes, God of Battle am I.

And the evil men speak about me has moved me to fierce reply.

Does not the surgeon's knife Torture—to save a life?

So, for the life of nations, men learn to fight and die—

Even die!

Craven through love or fear do the weak of the earth await me Tensely, with bated breath—yes, teaching their sons to hate me, lured by my rolling drum.

Nevertheless they come.

Proudly, their youth and manhood offering up to sate me

You who would grudge me aught but harvest of war and shame—

Answer me, you who hate me, cursing my very name—

When was a serf made free, Save and alone through me?

When was a tyrant vanquished, save through my purging flame?

After an age of peace do your sons war soft, their weakness Shown in a love of ease, of sensuousness, and sleekness:

Then, lest a nation die, Lure them to my battle-cry!

Lo, they forsake snuff warmth for desolate cold and bleakness!

I am the God of War—yes, God of Battle am I.

And the bolts of my savage anger I hurl from a devastating sky.

Speak of me as you will, Swift though I be to kill, I have made men of weaklings—I teach men how to die—

Even I!

## GLOUCESTER PROBE ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY

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witnesses was able to write and make up his own accounts, and Commissioner Chandler requested Mr. Robichaud to assist them. "I will gladly do so," replied Mr. Robichaud, "but I don't want to get mixed up in any more scandals thereby."

The only witness examined by Commissioner W. B. Chandler, K. C., today was Valentine Robichaud, structural superintendent. He admitted he had sworn to accounts he knew were incorrect, and said he had placed his name on pay sheets when he did not work on the bridges, and had certified to the purchase of material that he knew had not been used on the bridges.

Mr. Veniot asked for an explanation of an item on one of the pay sheets referring to the purchase of wire from Hon. John Morrissey, minister of public works.

Mr. H. M. Blair, secretary stated that under an old arrangement, superintendents had been allowed to purchase wire for bridges. This had usually cost 65 cents per rod, but Mr. Morrissey had inaugurated a new system whereby wire was purchased by the carload and sent to him at Newcastle, and as superintendents desired wire they secured it from him. The cost of wire under this arrangement was 21 cents per rod.

Mr. Carter Asks Inquiry Into Other Charges.

Just before Commissioner Chandler adjourned the enquiry Mr. E. S. Carter read a statement asking for an investigation into alleged payments of money made by liquor dealers in St. John during the consideration of amendments to the Liquor License Act at the last session of the legislature.

The statement follows:

"In subpenas issued by you I observe that your appointment as commissioner under the great seal of the province, authorizes you to inquire into operations of any or all of the departments of the government.

"These include that of the provincial secretary, from which all liquor licenses are issued.

"Should it therefore be within your jurisdiction to enquire into facts that many of the licenses under the provincial government in the city and county of St. John, including brewers, wholesalers, hotels and tavern keepers during the spring of the present year, while the legislature was in session, and while prohibition and im-

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Pop would go to the movies last nite and ma would go out to the park and hear the music, and they was still arguing about it when Nora called us for supper, and pop went in his own room before he came down, and when he waked in the dining room how did he have his hare fixed but paped in the middil, looking feras but fasy, especially awn akount of him not having much to part, anyway.

Henry Potts, in the name of awl thats redickilus wat have you bin doing to yure hare, sed ma.

If you are referring to my noo way of combing it, I will take this opportunity of advising you to get used to it, because that's the way its going to be in the future, sed pop.

And he sat down, and ma sed, Henry, are you krazy or meelyr joking.

Neethr, thank you, sed pop, wun of the chaps down at the orfiss startid to part his hare in the middil and it makes him look 10 years yungtr, is there any reason why he shoold have a monopoly awn yewthill appearences, I gess I have a rite to look 10 years yungtr, as well as anybody else.

You look 10 years moar simpli, if you wunt my oplanin, sed ma. O, thats because Ive still got my mushtash awn, sed pop.

Wat, sed ma, are you going to take that awl to.

Serenty, thats the mane part of the transformashin, sed pop. If you shave yure mushtash awl, especially with yure hare looking like awl rite, serenty, anything, if you put yure hare back the way it belangs and keep yure mushtash, sed ma.

Its a bagen, sed pop. And aftir supper he went up in his room agen and I went in to see what he was doing and he was fixing his hare rite, and I sed, You wasnt rely going to keep it that way, was you pop. Ask me no questhins and Ill tell you no prevaricashins, sed pop. And he winked wun eye at me.

portant changes in the liquor law were under consideration, were called upon to pay, and did pay, large sums of money.

"That these sums were not tendered voluntarily by those engaged in liquor business, but were demanded by a man, who is a well known Conservative worker, and whom they understood represented the local government party.

"That these sums of money were requested in addition to ordinary license fees which are paid into the provincial revenue.

"That they were collected illegally and without warrant from licenses of the government, and I think it is therefore, a matter that should be inquired into by you, who are appointed a commissioner to investigate operations of the government department, as to why such monies were demanded or requested, what disposition was made of them and whether any part, or all of the amounts was used to influence liquor legislation.

"Should you decide, Mr. Commissioner, that these illegal payments requested or demanded of government liquor licenses are proper matters for investigation I will lay charges before you formally, but before doing so I ask your assurance that in any investigation I or my counsel will be permitted to examine and cross-examine witnesses."

Commissioner Chandler said he would reply to Mr. Carter at a later date.

Charles Rowland Jackson, Toronto; James Barrett, Toronto; Joseph Smith, Toronto; Malcolm McLeod, Scotland.

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James Munroe, New York; Gale Sawyer, Moncton, N. B.; Hayden J. Rowe, England.

### CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, July 22.—The following casualty list was issued here at noon today:

#### FIFTEENTH BATTALION

Killed in Action

Alexander Alfred Cantley, Ireland; Donald Dallen, England; Sergt. David Brown, England; Corporal Fred Thomas House, England; George Hewitson, England; Donald Malcolm Munroe, Cornwall, Ont.; B. J. McCall, Parkhill, Ont.; Alfred B. Harrigan, Toronto.

Died While Prisoner of War

Leonard Gordon Grant, England; William Joseph May, England; William Allan Ross, Scotland.

Wounded and Prisoner of War

Cecil Ross Laing, Hamilton, Ont.

Missing

Charles Rowland Jackson, Toronto; James Barrett, Toronto; Joseph Smith, Toronto; Malcolm McLeod, Scotland.

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