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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. CARVELL AND HIS "CHARGES."

Perusal of the Canadian Press summary of the speech delivered in the House of Commons, yesterday, by Hon. Martin Burrell, in reply to Mr. F. B. Carvell, cannot but suggest the question HOW MUCH MORE ARE THE PEOPLE OF CARLETON COUNTY PREPARED TO STAND FROM THE MAN WHO REPRESENTS THEM IN OTTAWA? HOW LONG WILL THE PEOPLE OF NEW BRUNSWICK CONTINUE TO PERMIT HIM TO MISREPRESENT AND SLANDER THE MEN WHO ARE HONESTLY ENDEAVORING TO ADMINISTER THE COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF CANADA AND THE EMPIRE, WHEN PRACTICALLY EVERY STATEMENT HE MAKES, EVERY BIT OF ALLEGED EVIDENCE HE PRODUCES HAS BEEN PROVEN FALSE TO THE HINDLE?

Let us review the facts briefly: Mr. Carvell attempted to read the Ottawa Free Press out of the Liberal party and, in order to discredit that newspaper, contended that the majority of its stock was owned by Conservative interests.

The editor and manager of the Free Press denied the statement and invited Mr. Carvell to repeat it where he would not be protected by his position as a member of Parliament and where action could be taken against him in the courts of the land.

Falsehood No. 1. Mr. Carvell contended that members of the Dominion Government had exercised influence upon the Shell Committee so that contracts for shells were awarded to political friends of the Government.

In reply it was absolutely proved that most of the contracts went to men politically opposed to the Government, and that Conservatives who had asked for contracts were refused them because they did not possess the plant and facilities for the satisfactory manufacture of shells.

Falsehood No. 2. Mr. Carvell contended that prices for shells were so fixed that friends of the Government could make an inordinate profit.

In reply it was shown definitely that all contractors received the same price for shells manufactured, according to the class of work to be done. It was also shown that these prices were fixed by the British and not the Canadian Government.

Falsehood No. 3. Mr. Carvell claimed that prices for shells in Canada were exorbitant and that this was not due to legitimate causes but to a desire to mulct the British taxpayers in the interests of Canadian friends of the Government.

In reply it was absolutely shown that prices in Canada were lower than those in the United States, and lower than the British agents were willing to pay.

Falsehood No. 4. Mr. Carvell claimed that Liberal officers could not obtain appointments in the Canadian forces because of the fact that they were politically opposed to the Government.

In reply it was absolutely shown that there are more Liberals than Conservatives among the Canadian officers and that no competent man who applied for a commission and had qualified, or was willing to qualify, had been refused because of his politics.

Falsehood No. 5. Mr. Carvell claimed that the Government was unwilling to permit an investigation into the shell contracts because there were sinister circumstances which it desired to hide.

In reply it was shown that the Bertram Shell Committee took the leaders of the Liberal Opposition into full confidence in regard to all its transactions and that men sitting alongside of Mr. Carvell were in possession of the information he claimed the Government was afraid to produce.

Falsehood No. 6. Coming to the matter of hay contracts in New Brunswick, Mr. Carvell claimed he had taken certain information to the Minister of Agriculture and that gentleman had asked him "for God's sake" to keep it quiet as it would "look bad in the papers."

In reply Hon. Mr. Burrell characterized Mr. Carvell's statement as deliberately untrue. He had suggested that it would not be in the interests of the British War Office and Imperial Government to discuss contracts for war supplies in open parliament, but did not use the words attributed to him.

Falsehood No. 7. Mr. Carvell charged that the Atlantic Hay Company of New Brunswick had made an exorbitant profit out of hay contracts.

In reply Hon. Mr. Burrell said that D. F. Smith of the Atlantic Hay Company had come to Ottawa, and stated that he did not expect to make large profits out of the hay contract, offered to turn his contracts over to any other company or individual in New Brunswick, offered to permit the Department of Agriculture to send a chartered accountant to examine the books of his company and after such examination he would turn over to the Imperial treasury all profit in excess of \$1 per ton.

Mr. Burrell also read an agreement between the New Brunswick Hay Company, of which F. B. Carvell was secretary, and the A. C. Smith Company, relating to the purchase of hay from New Brunswick farmers during the South African war in which contract penalties were provided for hay purchasers who would pay the farmers more than \$8 per ton for their hay. The price to be charged the Government for the hay was \$17 per ton, leaving to the company of which Mr. Carvell was secretary, \$9 per ton for the expenses of handling and profit.

Falsehood No. 8. Now let us see what Mr. Carvell accomplished in the course of one speech.

First. He was guilty of falsehood in connection with the Ottawa Free Press.

Second. He was guilty of falsehood in connection with the Shell Committee.

Third. He was guilty of falsehood in connection with the fixing of prices for shells.

Fourth. He was guilty of falsehood in charging that prices for shells were higher in Canada than in the United States and Britain.

Fifth. He was guilty of falsehood in charging that the Borden Government refused an investigation because it feared sinister details would be disclosed.

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Seventh. He was guilty of falsehood in his version of his conversation with Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture.

Eighth. He was guilty of falsehood in connection with the Atlantic Hay Company contract.

Stripped of its falsehoods nothing remains of Mr. Carvell's speech but its abuse and disloyalty. But it appears that the member for Carleton now stands exposed as a man who planned—with other members of the New Brunswick Hay Company—not to see how much they could pay New Brunswick farmers for their hay at the time of the South African war, but how great a profit could be made from them. If there is anything to be investigated in connection with government contracts for hay that investigation should cover the Carvell transactions as well as others. Hon. Mr. Burrell's charges, made on the full responsibility of a Minister of the Crown, are too serious to be passed over lightly.

Mr. Carvell has more than once transgressed the decencies of discussion in his utterances in Parliament, but these things have been passed over on the general ground of boorishness. Now, however, it is high time to put a stop to his tactics and his public career with one and the same operation.

Is Seriously Ill. The many friends of Residual H. Wells of Shediac, of F. McAvity & Sons' shell making plant, will regret to hear that he is seriously ill at the General Public Hospital. He was taken to the institution from his home yesterday. Mr. Wells is secretary of the Henderson Silver Black Box Co., secretary-treasurer of the Shediac Agricultural Society and formerly harbor master of Shediac.

## Caught

(Judd M. Lewis, in Houston Post.)  
Can this be grip?  
Can this be that?  
A pain which sticks  
Up through my hat,  
An ache that twists  
My neck and knees,  
A tickling thing  
Which makes me sneeze,  
A lumpy thing  
Which makes me cough,  
Pipes all stuffed up—  
Until I choke,  
Germs chasing them—  
Selves through my veins  
And filling me  
With hellish pains,  
Twisting my nerves  
With red-hot hooks,  
Making me hate  
Clears and books,  
And eats and sleeps  
And drinks and talks,  
And southern winds  
And garden walks:  
And makes each foot  
A dragg'n lump,  
And makes me feel  
A plebald chump,  
And puts my liver  
Out of whack,  
And puts a crick  
Into my back,  
And makes hot marbles  
Of my eyes,  
And fills my days and  
Nights with sighs,  
And makes me want  
To draw one breath  
And hate my old  
Fool self to death?  
O, burning lungs!  
And red-hot head!  
Is this the grip?  
Of which I've read?  
If it's the grip  
Makes me so sore  
It's all that's said  
Of it, and more!  
It's all that's dreamed  
Of it, then!  
It puts the whole  
World on the bum!  
Can grip give such  
An awful twist?  
Now, let me see,  
Who have I kissed?

## Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

Today my cousin Artie was around, and me and him was up in mas room looking at last Sunday's joke papers again on account of not noing wat elts to do, and ma was setting there imbrooding, and all of a sudden Artie sed, Hay, Benny, do you still save stamps.

Not so much, I havent put any new ones in my stamp albin for a lawng wile, I sed.

Only you still save them, dont you, sed Artie.

Yes, I sed, and he sed, Then save these 3. And wat did he do but stamp on my foot 3 times all his mite.

Hay, owch, I yelled. And I startid to go for him, and ma sed, now Benny, Artie only ment it for fun, and you must remember, to forgive is divine.

I dont want to be divine, I sed.

But I want you to be, now you forgive your cuzin like a good boy, sed ma.

All rite, Artie, I forgive you, I sed. And I quick stamped 13 times on his foot, saying, Now you forgive me.

You darn copy cat, Artie yelled. And the next mait we had grabbed a hold of each other and was resseling on the floor, me trying to get on top of Artie and not being abel to on account of him trying to get on top of me. And ma quick jumped up and pulled us apart, saying, Arent you ashamed of yourselves, the idee of big boys like you acting like a cuppel of children.

Wate the matter, I forwae him, didnt I, its his fault, he woodent forgive me, I sed.

Id forgive you if you thawt up sumthing of your own to do, but your jest a old copy cat, sed Artie.

Artie, dont you no immetayshin is the sinsest flattery, sed ma, now you 2 go out in the street and forget your trubbel.

Wich we did, on ly I properly got a more forgiving nature than wat Arties got jest the same.

las Avenue, received a letter yesterday from her son, George, who is somewhere in France fighting for his country. The letter is dated January 11th and in part, the young soldier says that he is in the best of health, and wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

He writes that he received a parcel from home and one from Major Powers, and was very glad to get them. He spent a very good Christmas, "The soldiers are living in barracks, and are happy."

He writes that he is "we and dugsout, but," says the writer, "we complain at all." Private Shanks says that he has met quite a number of St. John boys over in France and all are feeling well and happy.

Smashed a Window. A young man who had obtained too much liquor, became crazed on Canterbury street last evening. He used bad language and smashed a large glass window in the Temple Bar.

When taken in custody by Policeman Henrickson the prisoner resisted and before being locked in a cell managed to hit the policeman on the eye, causing some damage. When he smashed the window in the saloon, the young man received a severe cut on his right wrist.

Concert at Boys' Home. The choir and several of the members of the Exmouth street Methodist church paid a visit to the Boys' Industrial Home last night and entertained the boys with a concert and supper. Among those present were Rev. Mr. Lane, pastor of the church; Mr. Smart, military secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Burbane, U. S. immigration agent, who acted as chairman. Mr. Lane and Mr. Myles gave short addresses and a very enjoyable evening was spent by everybody.

HER LITTLE BOY HAD PNEUMONIA. NEARLY LOST HIM. DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP SAVED HIM.

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About fifty of the leading business men of Saint John gathered at the Y. M. C. A. at noon yesterday to have lunch and listen to Charles W. Bishop, the general secretary of the National Council for Canada outline plans for the extension of the military work of the Y. M. C. A. made necessary by the increase in the number of Canadian troops being raised. Capt. A. W. Forgie was also present and told of the work being done for the men in the trenches.

Mr. Bishop told of the work being done in England, France, Russia, Austria and Italy among the soldiers and prisoners of war. It had been recognized that the Y. M. C. A. was doing a work that no church could hope to, they had access to places where no minister would be allowed and could do work which ministers could not. In Austria they had 15 centres and the same in Italy. They had a number of centres in Russia and they had men in all the prisoners' camps in the different countries.

Before they got permission to work among the prisoners of war in Germany they had to promise to do the same for German prisoners in different countries. This work is being looked after by the General Council in New York. The Canadian Council needs \$150,000 this year to carry on the work among Canadian troops in camp here and overseas and plans were considered at the meeting whereby Saint John should raise its share.

Capt. Forgie, who was with the 1st Canadian Division, 16th Battalion, 3rd Brigade in France, told of the work among the men in the trenches. The Y. M. C. A. room is the social centre of the men. It is kept stocked with stationary which is given to the men. They provided concerts and arranged all sorts of athletic sports when the men were in billets. He told of one concert they were having in the open behind a hill, when about half through a German shell came rather too close and the men scattered wowing vengeance on "Gausage" for breaking up the entertainment. He told of one trick the Germans tried to play but failed. They had set fire to a village and expecting the people to come out to see the fire had planted a ring of

high explosive people who so "Fritz" Caplan dress de Col. Lord Y. M. C. the sec and made to otherw religious does ab any vic men.

A lax tomorrow take their up with stomach Look feverish eat dea throat de give a Syrup cause li a few h son, so will ge and yo again. Is oftin should n give a Bewa Ask yo of "Cal has full last ni funeral ing fro son of