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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1918.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—M. M. The King.
 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

AN IMPORTANT BOARD.

The provincial government will soon be called upon to appoint three members of the board to administer the Workmen's Compensation Act. The selection of these gentlemen should be made absolutely without regard to politics and with fitness for office the sole qualification, for they will be called upon to fill positions of much responsibility. During the past week the names of several applicants for the positions have been mentioned on the streets.

The appointment of Mr. Fred J. G. Knowlton as a member of the board will naturally be expected. The object of the new act is to avoid litigation and in its administration it is imperative to have one member possessing legal training and qualifications. Upon Mr. Knowlton's legal ability and wide experience in the business of insurance the commission largely depended for the framing of the new measure.

Another whose name is mentioned is a manufacturer with much experience in one of the city's largest industries, a gentleman with a thorough knowledge of industrial plants and who served with much acceptance as a member of the commission. Either Mr. Cudlip or Mr. Knowlton would make an ideal chairman of the administering board.

On a board dealing with the interests of employer and employee it is necessary that one member should be particularly regarded as a representative of labor, of the man who in workshop, factory, mill, dock or yard has a vital interest in the fair administration of the act. That he should be a working mechanic is most desirable. It is equally desirable that he should not be an agitator, but should bring to the position broad-mindedness and common sense. This newspaper believes that Mr. George P. Hennessey, who has already been endorsed by many of the labor unions whose members will come within the operation of the act, possesses the required qualifications for membership on that board. Moreover, he is a returned soldier who has suffered injury in his country's service and who, on that account, if for no other reason, is entitled to consideration. With the two men mentioned as members of the Compensation Board the people would be reasonably sure that the functions of that body would be fairly discharged.

The Standard does not mention the names of Messrs. Cudlip and Hennessey in the belief or hope that suggestions from this newspaper will have weight with the Foster government. If that government determines to use the Compensation Board as a medium by which to reward political friends no suggestion will be considered unless it comes from those "in the circle." But if the desire is to appoint a board that will administer the act as it should be administered in the interest of all concerned, then the qualifications of the gentlemen named will stand the test as well as most others who might be found available.

The selection of the commission was the work of the Clarke government which ignored political considerations in making its appointments. The one idea was to obtain a body which would be capable of producing the best results. It is to be hoped that this excellent policy will be continued in the nomination of the permanent board.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

In the opinion of British authorities the optimism of Mr. Hoover, the United States Food Controller, as to the food situation in Great Britain is not completely justified. The late Lord Rhonda estimated that to meet Britain's food needs for 1918 it would be necessary to import ten millions of tons of food over and above what British producers could provide. With this in mind the statement of Mr. Hoover that even now the United States and Canada could send the exportation to Britain up to eighteen million tons seemed to indicate that the crisis had been passed and that this continent could slacken its effort without fear that the British people would fall short.

British authorities, however, say that Canadian producers and industrialists must not reduce their efforts. The situation is good but the problem of food supply is not yet completely solved and will not be for the next twelve months at least. Food and ships are scarce. The requirement of the hour, military requirements have made large demands upon the farms and the shipping of Britain, and it is reported that the plan to convert British grass lands into food producing areas has not been entirely successful owing

largely to a shortage of men. This shortage has also had its effect upon the policy of the British government looking to the establishment of three new national shipyards on the Severn and to a Canadian correspondent the statement was made the other day by Godfrey Collins, M. P., that there still is a shortage of 10,000 to 20,000 men in private shipyards in Britain, where steel plates are lying idle because there is no labor to work them. Add to these purely domestic difficulties in Britain the fact that France and Italy require larger importations of food to offset the effect of the ravages in their own food producing areas, and the constant influx of new troops into France, and it will be readily apparent that the end of the road for the producers of this continent is not in sight.

The Allies will win this war. Of that there is no longer the slightest question but fighting men, food, ships and money will be required. Of fighting men and money there is no lack. Food and ships are needed as greatly as ever. The moral of the whole situation is that for many months to come the farmers and shipbuilders of Canada and the United States must not reduce their efforts by a single jot. We are doing well indeed but we are not yet out of the woods.

A PLEA FOR THE DOG.

In some parts of the country a canvass is being made by some people that dogs are non-essentials and therefore come within the list of things that in wartime should be done without. Those who have taken it upon themselves to lead in this crusade point to the example set in England where the finest hunting packs in the world have been put out of existence without compunction. On the contrary those who have sacrificed their hunting dogs have done so with the feeling that by their action and example they were aiding the war cause. In this they were right; the maintenance of a hunting pack calls for an annual outlay far in excess of what it would cost to keep a dozen families and in this time such an expenditure is an extravagance that can well be done without.

But it is a far cry from the hunting pack of England to the house dog or family friend in Canada. Enthusiasts who cry "Away with the dog" should be fair enough to admit that a good dog is an asset inasmuch as he is a friend and companion that very often fills a vacant place in a heart or home as nothing else can fill it. This is a time for moderation in all things, and in all extravagances, even the extravagant ideas of oft-times intolerant reformers. The people of Canada have made many war sacrifices and made them cheerfully but the time has hardly yet arrived when they should be called upon to sacrifice "man's most faithful friend." The agitation urging the elimination of the dog is not likely to go as far as some of its promoters believe.

THE KAISER RIGHT FOR ONCE.

Emperor William in times of peace was accustomed to ascend the pulpit of the Lutheran churches in Prussia and preach sermons. Now he is issuing proclamations for a change. His latest, dated today, declares that the Germans are facing the hardest struggle of the war and expresses anxiety regarding "the desperate efforts of the enemy." For once the Kaiser is right, as far as he goes. He and the Junker lords of Berlin are well aware that they are up against it and undoubtedly realize that the situation is rapidly becoming desperate.

The main desire of Germany now is to attain some spectacular, though even minor, success to bolster up the low morale of the people. Germany's only war aim now is peace by negotiation. The staging of the next peace move is probably already being arranged. In the meantime it is probable Ludendorff will endeavor to assume the offensive somewhere before fall in order to cheer the dropping spirits of the German people.

There were no developments yesterday on the battle-front and no fighting. Both sides took their first day off in many weeks.

GIRL CHAUFFEURS IN N. S. CAPITAL.

Halifax, July 31.—During the past few days a large number of girls have been seen about the city streets wearing

ing costumes similar to those of the army transport drivers. There are thirty girls taking a course in automobile driving from a local instructor with the expectation of securing positions in the city, while others will go to Toronto in the fall to join the home defence forces. The girls who are taking the course are being schooled in the driving and repairing of all makes of automobiles. The army draft is expected to reduce the ranks of the local chauffeurs, and the girls will be ready to jump in and take their places. In Toronto, Montreal and other cities girls in large numbers are found driving auto trucks and private cars.

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN IS CONGRATULATED

Two of our local lawyers, Hon. Mr. Murray and Mr. McNeil, have a long and interesting legal battle at the county court opening on Tuesday over a collision between an automobile and a team on the Donkey Bridge. The case at issue was one between Archibald Alcorn, plaintiff, and Charles Mitchell, defendant, and more than ordinary interest was attracted. Hon. Mr. Murray appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. McNeil for the defendant. The evidence occupied more than a day and there is common knowledge by both counsel. The jury unanimously brought in a verdict for the defendant. Congratulations to both the plaintiff and the defendant. The case was extended at the close of the case. Chatham World.

TESTIMONY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING

(Moncton Times.)
 The esteemed Transcript which, only a few months ago was threatening a rebellion in common with an attempt to enforce equal military service, is just now consumed with zeal for the success of the Allied cause. And no doubt it is because of this zeal that it devotes columns of its valuable editorial space to denunciation of Premier Borden for having accepted in common with other overseas ministers, the invitation of the British premier to attend the meetings of the Imperial War Council just brought to a close in London. The Transcript appears to have lost sight of the fact that the king, replying on Friday last, to the address read by the Canadian premier in behalf of the representatives of the governments of the empire attending the war conference, paid a high tribute to the overseas minister. Lord Curzon expressed his gratitude for their attendance and the valuable assistance rendered.

A BIT OF VERSE

THREE KINGS.
 "He who opposes me I will break in pieces,"—William of Prussia.
 "I will be a stick together,"—Charles of Austria.
 "We democrats must stick together,"—George of England.

Three kings came out of time's shadow grey.
 Came to the dawn of the earth's new day.
 Each doffed his state and his golden crown.
 And, low to the Babe, he knelt him down.
 And the morning light, I trow, was sweet
 To the longing eyes and the faring feet.

Three kings there be on the trail to-day,
 Who ne'er have traveled those shadowy grey.
 Wending along while the noon is high,
 Under the blue of the patient sky.
 And this suffering earth, where the three kings be,
 Moans, as it turns, full wearily.

One wears his crest with a haughty blind to the noon and the Star of Morn;
 His own dark shadow is all he knows;
 His hands are red with the people's woes.
 His base heart, beating its pulse, "All's well."
 Echoes Amen to the hate of hell.

One wipes his lips where a knavish smile,
 With its wane delight betrays his rule.
 With a vessel of vice he fain would hide,
 A cur he covers by his comrade's side.
 Weighed, bought and sold—ah! me,
 When Justice speaks to the perjured soul!

But one—all thanks to the God of Grace,
 Greets earth and sky with an unshamed face.
 His sceptred might is a holy thing;
 He lifts his kinship over the king;
 And girt with the love from service won
 Sees God in each brother-man undone.

"God Save the King," from our hearts we pray,
 Who plays the man on the King's Highway.
 —James Mahon.

CAMPBELLTON.

Campbellton, July 31.—Mrs. B. A. Weatherbee and little daughter Doris, left last week to visit friends in Fredericton and St. John. While in St. John they will be the guests of Miss H. B. McLean, Horsfield street.

Mrs. Frederick Campbell and little son Ronald, spent part of last week in Dalhousie, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Cool.

Cadet E. Hobart of Toronto spent a few days of last week with friends in town.

Mrs. Clyde Lutes of Winnipeg is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Lutes, Andrew street.

Miss Florence Moloney of St. John is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson.

Miss Rebecca McDonald of Bel River was in town last week the guest of Mrs. Fred McDonald.

Miss Daisy Ferguson who was the

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.
 The Park Ave. News.

Weather. People on their front steps making themselves still hotter by fanning themselves.
 Sports. Ed Wernick has only had his new bicycle 2 weeks and has had 4 punctures already, saying he always was ruff on bicycles, on account of liking to ride over broken glass to see if anything will happen, which something generally does.

Military News. A biplane contest was held in Kernal Pude Simkins back yard last Saturday afternoon between Kernal Simkins, Loomer ant Benny Potts and Kaptin Skinny Martin, consisting in jumping off the fence with an open umbrella and seeing which one could land the farthest. The contest ended suddenly when the airplane got rocked by Loomer Potts landing on top of it instead of under it, which it belongs to. Kernal Simkins father, Kernal Simkins saying he don't believe anything will happen until the next time it rains and he starts to look for it, and it mite not rain for a long time yet.

Pome by Skinny Martin
 The Reason Why Not.

O Id like to be a sailor
 And sail upon the sea,
 Only sometimes onegets drowned
 And for all I know it mite be me.

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joyce in New Carlisle has returned home.

Miss Laura McIntyre has returned from a visit with friends in St. John.

Mrs. Charlot of Boston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Charlot.

Miss Hazel Nichol of Amherst is the guest of Miss Greta Metzler, Andrew street.

Lieut. T. Wright of the Royal Flying Corps, Toronto, was in town last week the guest of Mrs. Wm. Sproul, Union street.

Mr. Franklyn Kelly of Hamilton, Ont., is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kelly of Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith and daughter Daisy spent last week with friends in New Carlisle.

Miss Muriel Stevens is the guest of Rev. S. A. Kinley and Mrs. Kinley at the Baptist parsonage, Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell motor to St. John last week and were the guests of Mrs. James Sargeant and Mrs. B. A. Alcorn.

Miss Mary Graham who has been spending the past month with friends in Halifax has returned home.

Mrs. Allan Miller, Sr., is visiting friends in Upper Charlo.

Mr. William Dickie is the guest of his brother, Mr. John Dickie at Point La Nym.

Rev. and Mrs. Boucher of St. Hyacinthe, Que., are visiting Mrs. Boucher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boucher.

Spr. Jack McLaughlin of the Canadian Engineers, Amherst, spent part of last week at his home here.

Mrs. E. W. Rosborough, Mrs. G. B. Chappelle and little daughter Ella of Fredericton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rosborough, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Rebecca McDonald, who has been visiting friends in New Carlisle, has returned home.

Mrs. Robt. D. McNair and Mrs. John C. Ferguson were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Currie at their summer cottage in Charlo.

Mrs. Milton Doherty of Bathurst spent last week with Campbellton friends.

Mrs. James Farrell and family are the guests of Mrs. Farrell's sister, Mrs. William O'Connell at New Carlisle.

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