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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.

DISCREDITABLE OPPOSITION TACTICS.

Evidently the opposition party in Carleton is preparing to employ the same tactics which have characterized the Liberal party everywhere in Canada and drag into their campaign all sorts of extraneous questions with absolutely no bearing upon the election or rejection of Hon. B. Frank Smith and his colleague or upon the record of the present Provincial Government.

The Standard charged, at the time of the Westmorland by-election, that those in charge of the opposition campaign introduced matters that had no relation to provincial affairs, that they canvassed for votes against Hon. Mr. Mahoney amongst a section of the electorate because he was an Irish Catholic, amongst others because his opponent represented the Liberal party and it was the leader of the Liberal party who stood sponsor for the bilingual question in the Dominion Parliament. Dissatisfied employees of the I. C. R. were asked to vote against Mr. Mahoney and "slap Mr. Gutelius." In short, he was opposed with all sorts of canvasses and from all sorts of angles. This was denied by the opposition press, which claimed that provincial issues only were discussed or canvassed and that Mr. Mahoney's defeat was due solely to dissatisfaction with the Provincial Government. Evidently the newspapers which thus plumed themselves over the result in Westmorland are not so sure of their ground in Carleton, for we find the Fredericton Mail stating that the nickel question is likely to cut some figure in the election there, and that Hon. B. Frank Smith should be defeated because he is a Conservative, and it was during the regime of a Conservative government at Ottawa that Canadian nickel found its way out of this country to be returned to us in the shape of bullets in the bodies of our Canadian soldiers.

No more base falsehood has ever been uttered than the canvass that the Borden Government permitted such export of nickel from Canada to Germany. The absolute falsity of that yarn has already been completely exposed. Yet it is to be dragged in to do duty in a by-election in Carleton county for seats in a legislature in a province that has not one cent's worth of nickel in its exports and would have no way of controlling it if it had, for matters such as that are governed by federal rather than provincial administrations.

The nickel canvass will fool no one familiar with the facts. In the first place it is untrue and in the second has nothing to do with the New Brunswick Legislature or members holding seats in that assembly. That it should be introduced at all is evidence of the dearth of campaign material at the disposal of the oppositionists. They can find no fault with the Government. They can make no charge against Hon. B. Frank Smith or his colleague. They dare not compare conditions now with those prevailing under the former government—a government which had the support and approval of Messrs. Upham and McCain—the opposition candidates. Consequently they hope to bolster their case by the introduction of an obscure question from Ontario, and of H. M. Blair from Fredericton—a combination of nickel and brass which will be found most ineffective ammunition in the battle of the ballots.

MR. BLAIR IN CARLETON.

The opposition newspapers indignantly deny that Harry M. Blair, the dismissed and discredited secretary of the Public Works Department of the New Brunswick administration, is to be taken into Carleton county at the request or with the sanction of the opposition party. These newspapers contend that Mr. Blair will appear at government and opposition meetings alike and will speak his little piece from the highest and purest of motives.

This is really good. There can be no more diverting spectacle than that of the man who was convicted of dishonest practices telling the good people of Carleton county why they should not vote for the Government which

caused the investigation resulting in his conviction and dismissal.

Also it is quite reasonable to believe that a gentleman so honest as Mr. Edward S. Carter, the twice-horse-whipped, would be provincial secretary, would be the first to frown down upon the introduction of Mr. Blair as an opposition spell-binder; it would hardly be playing the game and Mr. Carter, in his journalistic and political career has always been so particular as to the observance of the rules of fair play and decency. Of course, it is inconceivable that Mr. Blair should go into Carleton county at the request of the opposition or that he has been led to expect reinstatement in his former position should the oppositionists triumph at the polls in the next general election. This is quite apparent to all who enjoy the advantages of close personal acquaintance with Mr. Carter and who know of his high moral sense.

But there are some who lack that blessing and for the benefit of those—some of whom might be mean enough to believe that Carvell and Carter were at the bottom of Blair's sudden determination to testify in public—it would be just as well for the opposition newspapers to produce evidence to refute the suspicion. They might very well commence by the publication of the story of the conference held in the Carleton Sentinel office yesterday at which the gentlemen present were Messrs. Carvell, Carter, P. J. Verlot and H. M. Blair. The truth concerning that conference should make very interesting reading.

THE DUTY OF CARLETON.

In order that the people of Carleton county may not forget the character and calibre of the men they will endorse if they vote for Messrs. McCain and Upham at the by-election on the 21st inst. The Standard presents here with a few of the more prominent members of the new-old opposition party.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, ex-premier, and accused by the Telegraph of producing juggled surpluses and faked financial statements.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney, ex-surveyor-general, during whose regime the amount of money paid by Crown Land licensees for lumber cut on their lands was so small that the new Government had no difficulty in showing a very material increase without a larger lumber cut.

Mr. C. M. Leger, a subservient supporter of the old government who voted in favor of all the scandalous transactions of the Pugsley-Robinson plunderbund.

Mr. Edward S. Carter, the twice horse-whipped, who, through thick and thin, has defended the iniquitous acts of the Orit party whether in Fredericton or in Ottawa and who is likely to become provincial secretary in charge of the finances of the province if the opposition are successful in the next general election.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, libeller of General French and the Canadian soldiers, the man responsible for the Kite-Carvell charges against Major General Sir Sam Hughes, and who has never ceased in his efforts to blacken and defame this country by causing Canadians to be falsely pictured to the world as thieves and black-legs.

These are some of the gentlemen for whom the oppositionists stand. Are the people of Carleton county also prepared to put up with them? Or will they display that sound common sense for which Carleton is noted and, on September 21st, administer to F. B. Carvell and his sorry crew a political trouncing they will never forget? Carleton has a duty in the approaching by-election. It should not be overlooked.

BIDDING AGAINST THE ARMY.

As time goes on the difficulty of getting recruits for the Canadian armies increases, and at the present rate of progress it will take longer to get the last 50,000 than the first 300,000. Yet the last 50,000 will be needed as badly as the first 50,000, and the determination to get them should be equal to the need. A change in the recruiting methods will probably give better results than those possible under the earlier haphazard system, but a mere change in system will not be sufficient, says the Toronto Mail and Empire which continues as follows:

"We must understand why men are

not now so freely offering themselves. The reason is plain. Men are now offered greater inducements to remain at home than at any earlier time since the war began. In one newspaper column the reader is informed that his king and country need him; in another column he is told that employers of labor all over Canada need him, and need him so badly that they are willing to give him increased wages to stay. It may be that the soldier who is receiving \$1.10 a day, with his clothes and board, his separation allowance, his free insurance, and whose wife is entitled to draw from the Patriotic Fund, is as well off in one sense as the man who is making \$12 or \$15 a week; but the Government is becoming less and less able to compete with manufacturers for soldiers. The manufacturers can make more out of their employees, and can afford to pay more.

"The citizen whose sense of duty forbids him to give up his wages to go to the front, the problem of enlistment according to what he can make by going or staying is still further bewildered by the talk he hears of maintaining Canada's industrial strength. He knows that it is essential that the country's industries should be kept up; he also knows that it is essential that the country's field forces should be kept up. How is he to decide, as a matter of conscience, which is the more necessary? He is confused by conflicting advice, and perhaps very many are influenced by the assertions they hear to the effect that the end of the war is in sight. Many believe that there is no doubt now about the eventual success of the Allies, and draw the erroneous conclusion that therefore no more great efforts are needed. The truth is that all competent authorities who see the beginning of the end, who see Germany's power crumbling and have not the slightest doubt as to the result of the war, base all their calculations upon the assumption that the Allies will continue to exert their full strength, that they will indeed make greater efforts in the future than any they have yet made. This fact cannot be too often emphasized; and it ought also to be borne in mind that there are industries and industries, and that, while the maintenance of all of them is desirable in time of peace, it is not needed in time of war, that many of them should continue to flourish at the expense of the Canadian army."

HOW CARVELL WON HIS SEAT IN 1911 FIGHT

Woodstock, Sept. 2, 1916.
Editor of The Standard,
Sir:—

In Mr. Carvell's oration at Hartland, at which just 116 people attended, he made some reference to the manner in which he obtained the seat which he occupies in parliament. He insinuated that he knew who wrote the Anti-Carvell articles, and defended himself with a reference to John Farley. Let me tell you Mr. Carvell, you are barking up the wrong tree in every particular. So far as who and what I am, you have another guess coming to you. So far as John Farley is concerned, it was not John Farley to whom we were referring. There was a lot of suspicion concerning Mr. Farley's manipulation of the ballots, but so far we have been able to learn, there was never anything very definite came to the light. People were puzzled concerning the vote as it was counted under Mr. Farley's direction. The vote was never explained. In my articles I have not had Farley in mind. For the benefit of Mr. Carvell I am compelled to write the whole story in detail.

Previous to the election of 1911, the Conservative party in this county had effected a splendid organization. They had given very special attention to the voters' lists. The revision of the lists was carefully watched, every Conservative voter was placed upon the list; this work was done quietly, but properly. At the last minute the Liberal organization and manager awoke to these facts, and they were desperately fearful of the results. The revised lists went to Ottawa for printing. When they were returned, just previous to voting, the Conservative committee discovered that much of their hard work had been undone. In polling sections all over the county names had been dropped. A check was made, and it was found that one hundred and eighteen clear cut Conservatives whose names had been on the list had not been printed. 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