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THE RETURNING SOLDIERS.

In the course of an address on Sunday evening in this city Prof. Hobson of Chicago University observed that it would not be surprising if an American soldier who had been willing to give his life for the cause of justice in France should on his return home be willing to break a window for a cause whose justice appealed to him. There is food for thought in this remark. "It does not mean that the returning soldier will be a vicious disturber, but that he will measure things by new standards and give unhesitating expression to his views. The Hun is not the only enemy to be overcome in the new social order of which the world is thinking so earnestly, and we trust to such good purpose. There are those who say the soldier will return as he went. That may be true of some, but there are many who looked death in the face yonder who are not the same, because they have seen the vision of a higher and more useful life. They were face to face with stark realities. They learned what greed and selfishness and brutality at their worst could do, and they will never forget. They will be a source of strength to a rightly-conceived and well-directed policy of social reconstruction, along the lines of justice and equal opportunity. They will be quick, moreover, to measure men and their professions, and to ask how much those men did in the hour of the world's peril. At the present moment in some parts of Canada men who neither went to the front nor gave hearty support to those who did are making a noise. If they were discreet they would not throw down a challenge at the very time the men who fought to save Canada, and fought successfully, are coming home. Whatever changes the soldiers may desire for the good of Canada, the introduction of Bolshevism will not be one of them. They will rather suggest, we fancy, the deportation of agitators who have nothing in common with true Canadians.

FOR BETTER HOUSING.

The federal government is prepared to loan money to the provinces to the extent of \$25,000,000 to promote the erection of houses where there is congestion and bad housing. A committee of which Hon. N. W. Rowell is chairman will formulate the general principles to be followed in order to get the best results. It has power to secure the assistance and advice of Mr. Thomas Adams, the town-planning expert, or any other person qualified to give expert advice. This may lead to an improvement in housing conditions in St. John. The federal committee will deal directly with provincial governments, but municipalities will be able to arrange through the latter to share in the benefits of the general housing scheme. The Associated Charities of this city at its annual meeting recently made better housing the subject of special discussion, and every social worker in the city knows how blighting an effect bad housing has upon the prospects of large numbers of families, not only in regard to the health but often the morals of the children. It is a problem that must be faced with courage and energy, and if through the joint action of municipal, provincial and federal authorities a way can be discovered to provide a large number of houses fit to live in, and at a rental within the reach of the average wage-earner, the benefit to the health and morals of the community will be enormous.

CHILD WELFARE.

The interesting statement is made that the Barnardo Homes, of which the King and Queen and Dowager Queen Alexandra are patrons, and which were founded by the late Dr. Barnardo more than fifty years ago, have provided 10,678 men for the great war, this number of soldiers having been Barnardo boys, while every year there are three hundred of them training for the navy and the mercantile marine. Tens of thousands of children have been saved and trained for useful citizenship in these fifty years, and since the war broke out nearly 1,000 children have been admitted. They are taken in at the average rate of about five per day. There are now about 7,000 children in the Homes. Each year a certain number go out, but always others are coming in. We cannot estimate the value of this child-saving work. There is, of course, a percentage of loss, but most of the children if given a fair opportunity when they go out into life, become worthy citizens. What would they all be if no helping hand were extended? And yet the time must come, and it should come soon, when the vast majority of such children will be cared for in their own homes. The mothers' pension system and such legislation as will compel fathers to support their offspring will do much, and when proper care is taken of the feeble-minded and wiser marriage laws are made and enforced another great forward step will be taken. The place for a normal child is in its own home, and the state must see that as far as possible this home is made fit for the children.

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"JUST RUBBISH," SAYS STANDARD

But the Globe Spoke by the Book and the Evidence Speaks For Itself

(St. John Standard.)

The Globe last evening, to the extent of more than half a column, devoted itself to a labored discussion of the potato business and campaign funds. Just rubbish.

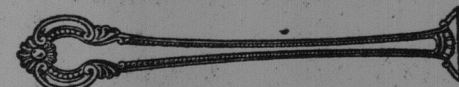
What the Globe said:—

(St. John Globe.)

The sworn facts with reference to the contract, which the Standard admits was the source of supply for the potato loss, are that Hon. James Murray and Premier Clarke agreed together to cover the loss out of a campaign fund; that Premier Clarke asked W. W. Tennant to provide the fund. He agreed, on one condition. That condition was that he (Tennant) and his associates be given the Valley Railroad contract. Clarke, we are told, consented. The contract was given; Mr. Tennant was paid his six-called profits in advance, and turned over to a fund—call it campaign fund, if you like—out of which the potato loss was paid. Mr. Tennant has himself furnished the proof of a direct connection between the public treasury and the potato loss; just as Hon. Mr. Murray has himself furnished the proof of a secret agreement between the premier and himself to cover up the evidences of what the Standard naively describes as "lack of business ability." Never for a moment forget that the money was paid under the direction of Hon. Mr. Murray, and that the "lack of business ability" was his. The transaction revealed in all its nakedness by the evidence of Murray and Tennant. Through "lack of business ability," if that term tickles the ear better than others which might be employed, Hon. Mr. Murray found himself and his department in a nasty mess. To avoid the confession which would expose that "lack," he admits he concocted with the premier a cover-up scheme. This was carried into effect through a bargain whereby a much larger sum than the amount involved was put into the party funds after a certain public contract had been awarded a certain specified way. The contract was given, the money was paid, the potato loss was covered up and the Hon. Mr. Murray made public denials of loss, of fraud, of wrong-doing. The sworn testimony establishes clearly the absolute truth of all that the Globe has stated. The money to pay the potato loss came directly from the public treasury. One bad government transaction was covered up by another infinitely worse. The money of the province and the honor of the province was sacrificed for what? To make the public believe Hon. Mr. Murray's department did not "lack business ability." too much! 1/2 wool — wayletKund.

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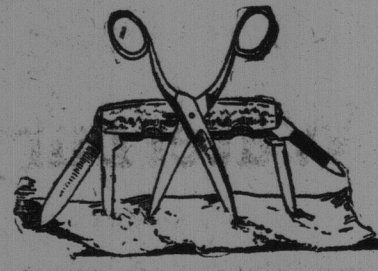
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The Blood Pressure

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