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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.

## LAURIER AND QUEBEC.

The machine Grit newspapers are disposed to resent the suggestion that any portion of the blame for Quebec's miserable showing in recruiting men for the armies of the Empire should be placed upon the shoulders of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It was not to be expected that they would do anything else, although they admit that Quebec has not done her share and also, under other conditions, would be very willing to agree that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the dominant influence in that province. As the influence being exerted in Quebec now, however, is not in favor of putting the young men into khaki it is quite natural that the machine Grit newspapers should whine in chorus: "Don't blame Laurier."

If not Laurier, the admittedly dominant influence, then who is to blame for Quebec's poor showing? It is not the people themselves, for, racially there is little difference between the French-Canadian of the Province of Quebec and the Acadians of the Maritime Provinces, yet the Acadians, especially of the Province of New Brunswick, have, in proportion to their population, given splendidly to the armies and the funds of the Empire. English residents of New Brunswick have every reason to feel proud of, and grateful to, their Acadian brothers. Also in France, the land from which Canada's French population originally came, there has been a loyal spirit of sacrifice throughout the whole war which has amazed the world. Never in her history have her traditions of chivalry been more strikingly manifested than today. France is an object lesson to the world.

This being the case, is it not remarkable that, while the French nation and the Acadians have done so well, the French-Canadian province of Quebec—the province of Laurier—has made such a sorry showing? There is no desire on the part of The Standard to introduce political considerations into this discussion, but the plain facts remain and cannot be ignored. AND THE PLAIN FACTS SHOW THAT OF THE 36,000 MEN SECURED IN QUEBEC BY FAR THE GREATER PORTION WERE SIGNED ON IN THE ENGLISH DISTRICTS, WHERE THE LAURIER INFLUENCE WAS LEAST FELT. There is an easy way for Grit newspapers, doubting this statement, to prove it false, if it is so. Let those newspapers publish the recruiting returns from the different ridings in the Province of Quebec; let them also publish the political returns from those ridings. IT WILL BE FOUND THAT WHERE THE LAURIER VOTE IS THE HEAVIEST (AND BY THE LAURIER VOTE IS MEANT THE VOTE CAST FOR LAURIER CANDIDATES), THE RECRUITING RETURNS MAKE THE MOST DISAPPOINTING SHOWING. The Standard ventures to suggest the following constituencies as a starter: Quebec East, represented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Rouville, represented by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux; Bonaventure, represented by Hon. Charles Marcell; and Maisonneuve, represented by Alphonse Verville. It may be noted that these constituencies are all represented by front bench Liberals, men Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been proud to honor. There is not a hated Nationalist in that quartette, YET THE RECRUITING FIGURES FROM THOSE CONSTITUENCIES WILL SHOW A VERY SMALL RETURN, QUITE AS DISAPPOINTING AS CAN BE FOUND IN ANY OF THE RIDINGS REPRESENTED BY SIR WILFRID'S NATIONALIST FRIENDS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made recruiting speeches. That is at once admitted. But, at the same time, his lieutenants have used their influence to deter young men from donning khaki. IS IT REASONABLE TO SUPPOSE THAT THIS CAMPAIGN WAS CARRIED ON WITHOUT LAURIER'S KNOWLEDGE? Liberal papers make much of the fact that Laurier has been publicly assailed by Henri Bourassa. Assuredly that is to the Liberal leader's credit. BUT WHEN HAS BOURASSA EVER SPOKEN A WORD OF COMMENDATION FOR ANY OF THE CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS

## WHAT HAVE BEEN DEVOTING THEIR EFFORTS TO RECRUITING?

On that score honors are easy. It is easy enough to select sentences from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Montreal speech and publish them as indicative of his position on the question of recruiting. But in the Montreal case Laurier's action spoke louder than his words, and the fact remains that HE SAT ON THE PLATFORM WITH LEMIEUX AND ENDORSED HIS DISLOYAL UTTERANCES. THAT IS THE THING THE LIBERAL PAPERS CANNOT EXPLAIN AWAY.

## WHAT ABOUT CONSCRIPTION?

The Standard is still waiting for the opinions of its machine-Grit contemporaries on the question of conscription. The Borden Government has taken every step it can take to get young men into khaki of their own volition. The National Service Commission aims to comb the Dominion and find what men can be best spared from the necessary industries of this country and what are more valuable to the nation in civil life at home than in the armies overseas. If this plan fails what is left but compulsion? The machine Grit newspapers are apparently convinced in advance that the National Service Commission will fail in its purpose. Well, will they support the step that may be the next? Or will they pattern after Sir Wilfrid Laurier's French-Canadian lieutenant and attempt to tell the people that conscription would be an undue interference with their liberties for which the Terrible Tories would be responsible? The Times, which has already condemned the National Service Commission, says: "The chief business of Canada today is war, and the war must be fought to a finish if it takes every man of military age." A fine praiseworthy sentiment, but will the Times adhere to it if it should be decided to introduce conscription to produce that result? Information on this point would be particularly interesting and valuable.

## OUT OF PLACE.

The news columns of The Standard this morning contain the story of an unfortunate under arrest in central station for the theft of a copy of Scripture. That man is decidedly out of place. The theft of a copy of Scripture in St. John is likely to be followed by punishment. In that the thief is unfortunate. Had he been a Liberal worker, with a Liberal government in power, and had the Bible been purloined from the Woodstock court house, his offence might have secured for him political recognition and a government job.

## MASTER AND PUPIL.

It is fruitless for the Liberal newspapers to attempt to blame Quebec's recruiting failure on Henri Bourassa. Laurier's influence in the province of his birth is immeasurably greater than that of Bourassa, and to say that the latter is defeating Laurier's efforts to get the young men into khaki is merely to claim that the pupki is greater than his master.

## BETTER FOREST PROTECTION FOR NEW BRUNSWICK.

The New Brunswick Government is preparing plans for the re-organization of the whole forest protection system. That the provincial forest possessions of over 18,000 square miles merit the most modern and effective safeguards against fire goes without saying. The notion that forests can be left to take care of themselves has been abandoned by nearly every government on earth having authority over timber lands. Once the responsibility for forest protection is admitted, it behooves a government to build up the most economical and up-to-date patrol service. The maintenance of New Brunswick's forest industries depends absolutely upon the elimination of destructive fires. In 1912, before the slump in the lumber trade was under way, New Brunswick produced nearly \$7,500,000 of lumber, shingles, pulp wood and lath, not counting fire wood, fence posts, etc. The New Brunswick Government receives an average of about \$500,000 a year from forest operations and thousands of workmen owe their living to

the same source. A very substantial part of the business of our merchants and manufacturers is accounted for by the annual wood harvest.

To those who wonder if New Brunswick can be freed from serious forest fires, it may be pointed out that a private association of Quebec Province, the St. Maurice Forest Protective Association, patrolling two-thirds as much territory as the whole forest area of New Brunswick have reduced forest fires to an extent hitherto regarded as impossible. This was accomplished by good organization, close inspection of rangers, and authority to regulate the clearing fires of settlers. New Brunswick can enjoy similar immunity by taking similar measures. Lacking them, no government can hope to preserve invaluable timber assets for any length of time against the ravages of fire.

## HAMPTON NOTES

Hampton, Oct. 2.—Yesterday was Rally Day in the Hampton Methodist Sunday school, the exercises of the regular morning session of the school being of a special nature. Appropriate hymns were sung by the school, and addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Rowley, the superintendent of the school, Mr. P. W. F. Browster, and the superintendent of the Missionary Department, Miss Beatrice Duke. A feature of the service was an examination in the catechism of a class of little tots, conducted by Mrs. J. F. Rowley, the superintendent of the primary department.

The Presbyterian pulpit of this field were filled yesterday by the Rev. W. W. Malcolm, of St. John. The reverend gentleman preached at Hampton Village in the morning, at Hammond River in the afternoon and at Rothesay in the evening, and will also conduct services at these places, in the same order, next Sabbath.

The death occurred here this morning of Mrs. Wm. E. Yeomans, aged 73 years, after an illness of about three weeks. Mrs. Yeomans was formerly Miss Margaret Kelly of Bloomfield. She had been twice married, first to Mr. James Cripps, by whom she leaves two sons, George of Hampton, and Oscar, at present in the West, also one daughter, Mrs. Hugh Morrissey of St. John. She was married to Mr. Yeomans, who survives her, about nineteen years ago. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, and will be conducted by the Rev. A. H. Crowfoot.

## RULES OF HEALTH FOR DYSPEPTICS

### Dieting Unnecessary

There are two ways by which people who suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia, sour stomach, flatulence, etc., can overcome the trouble. First, as practically all cases of the above are directly or indirectly traceable to acidity and fermentation, they can eliminate from their diet all foods which ferment and form acid, such as all starches and sugar and foods containing them, thus prohibiting bread, potatoes, fruits and most meats. About the only safe foods are gluten breads, spinach and small quantities of white meat of chicken or turkey. This diet is almost a starvation one, but it is sometimes quite effective. The second way, which appeals especially to those who like to eat hearty meals of good foods, is to eat whatever is reasonably digestible, neutralize the acid and stop fermentation by the use of a good anti-acid such as bisulphated magnesia, a teaspoonful of which in a little water immediately after eating or whenever pain is felt, instantly neutralizes the acid, stops the fermentation and permits the stomach to do its work without pain or hindrance. Owing to its simplicity, convenience and effectiveness this latter plan is now being adopted, instead of the old-fashioned, expensive, weakening starvation process. In this connection it is interesting to note that since the widespread use of bisulphated magnesia was established, many druggists have arranged to supply it in 5 gr. tablets 2 or 3 of which are equivalent to a teaspoonful of the powder form and are much more convenient to carry.

## NORTON NOTES.

Norton, Oct. 5.—The three teachers of the Norton Superior School are attending the Teachers' Institute at Sussex.

Mr. E. A. Morrison of Lakeside is moving on the farm at Riverbank late.

## "By Buying Shoes Made in St. John"

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## Little Benny's Note Book

### THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Wonderful Operation. While sliding down a board in Sam Crawsacs back yard, Sid Hunt contracted a splinter some place. Dr. Artie Alexander took out his pen knife and extracted it, in the summer kitchen, the operation being successful.

If a leg was bawled up, rite wood it tip its knee cap? Josk.

### SHORT STORY.

To Mutch Is Plenty.

The scene was a summer day in July. "Willie," remarked Willie's mother, "I forgot to tell you that you have another little baby sister. Do you want to see it?" "No," answered Willie.

### The end.

Sports. The Willie boy in the corner house was observed settling on his front steps with a baseball cap on. There was grating excitement on account of the invisibles being short handed and needing new players, but when questioned on the subject, the Willie boy said he got the cap for his birthday and was only allowed to play with soft rubber balls. O mersy, Persey, you better set on a cushion or you'll catch newmonia and worry your mamma.

### THE JOAKER.

Pome by Skinny Martin.

"On behind, mister! On behind!"

The huckster looked, but no one was there, Proving sumpbody had lied.

ly vacated by Mr. Vincent Paulkner, who has moved to Lower Millstream.

Mr. Jack Murphy of Saskatoon has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. James H. Murphy.

Mrs. J. J. Wheaton of St. John is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Carson.

Mr. Jim Gallagher, accompanied by S. N. Loughery, B. T. Harner, C. B. Belding and S. Campbell motored to Elgin attending the fair.

Mr. D. P. Lewis of this place has moved his mill this week to Scotch Settlement.

Gunner Preston Price of No. 9 Siege Battery spent the week-end at his home here.

## PERSONAL.

W. R. Thibet of Bear River, N. S., who has been for twenty years in educational work, has now been appointed manual training teacher at the Parks Convalescent Home.

Geo. E. Barbour left last evening for Halifax from which point he will sail today for a six weeks' or two months' trip to the West Indies. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Horne, of West Newton, Mass., who have been touring the Maritime Provinces on their wedding trip, left here yesterday morning for Belmont, Mass., where they will reside.

Mrs. Fred L. Corey of Gagetown is the guest of Mrs. Murray McL. Holly, Cedar street.

## LITTLE POVERTY

### PLENTY OF WORK.

That conditions in St. John are very satisfactory, was the tenor of the meeting held by the Associated Charities at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon with W. S. Fisher in the chair.

Miss Grace Robertson, secretary of the society, in her report showed that there was, so to speak, no need of extending help to anyone in the city at the present time. Work was plentiful and conditions good. The only application for assistance was from families who had met with some

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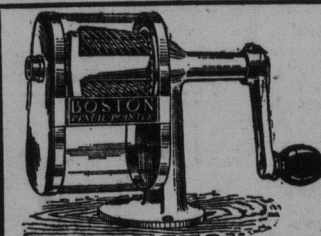
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