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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.

THE CALL FOR MEN.

The appeal for more men to join the uniform of the Empire and go forth to battle against the enemies of liberty has been circulating from one end of Canada to the other. In the earlier days of the war, when idle men were plentiful, it was a comparatively easy matter to recruit a battalion or a regiment, and in certain parts of Canada where there still is more than the usual amount of unemployment it is probably not difficult today to get men to answer the call.

In the Maritime Provinces the business depression and lack of employment has been less pronounced than in the west and consequently many men who now hearken to the call do so at considerable sacrifice to themselves. We do not believe that the young men of this city and province can take lessons in loyalty from the Canadian West, and we do believe that when they thoroughly understand the urgency of the need they will not be unwilling to do their part in filling the ranks.

It is to place this need simply and plainly before them that committees of earnest men are now at work in most of the centres in the province. In St. John active measures are well under way for a mammoth recruiting campaign which will be formally opened on Friday evening by a mass meeting on historic King Square. Men who have already been on the battle line for the Empire, at that meeting will tell their experiences and illustrate the necessity of other men following the example of the heroes who have already made Canada's name famous.

Their message should not fall on unresponsive ears. The fight in which the British Empire is today engaged is Canada's fight, New Brunswick's fight, St. John's fight. Victory means liberty and freedom for the Empire and the world. Defeat means that all that is good and wholesome and worth living for will be forever ground under the heel of tyrannical oppressors who shape humanity and humanity's affairs in a mould of their own making.

Before victory can be achieved it is necessary that the armies of the Empire should be many times augmented and increased. The young men of New Brunswick and of St. John must play their part in that process, or pay the penalty for their neglect. There can be no middle course. Either we win to freedom or lose to slavery. With this issue, can any sacrifice be too great when made for the cause and the flag?

MR. CARTER'S OPPORTUNITY

The Telegraph and Times yesterday devoted considerable space to the publications of correspondence between Commissioner Chandler and Mr. E. S. Carter touching upon various matters which Mr. Carter asked the commissioner to investigate. Aside from the fact that it displayed rather questionable taste on Mr. Carter's part to supply the newspapers with copies of letters sent to Commissioner Chandler, and the Commissioner's replies to the same, unless, indeed, the permission of the Commissioner had been first obtained, we fail to see just what good purpose he hopes to serve by the publication.

Perusal of the letters shows that Mr. Carter asked the Commissioner to investigate matters on which he, Carter, claimed to have information, and the Commissioner quite properly refused to exceed the authority given to him by his warrant of appointment. There can be no fault found with that. Commissioner Chandler was appointed to conduct certain investigations and, having completed his work, is about to retire to the resumption of his private practice. In this it might be pointed out that his course is different from that of investigators appointed by Liberal administrations who, usually, treated a government commission as a life job, to yield profit sufficient to keep the official in luxury without the necessity of returning to private endeavor. Mr. Commissioner Chandler is, evidently, of another mould.

But the correspondence throws some light on the reasons for Mr. Carter's activity. That gentleman says, "I am acting on behalf of the opposition party in New Brunswick." Precisely. It is Mr. Carter's job and, presumably, he is paid for it as any other

party organizer would be paid. But is it quite fair to the people of New Brunswick that a Commissioner should be continued at the public expense for no other purpose than to give Mr. Carter opportunity to acquire material for political capital? Is this business, or is it politics?

Mr. Carter modestly refers to himself and his associates as "I and other friends of good government." Does that quite meet the case? Is not Mr. Carter a friend of "good government" because he is a paid organizer for the provincial opposition party and his job now is to secure material that will assist that party to claim before the people that the Government now in power is a bad government and that the sort of "good government" desired by Mr. Carter will not come until his friends, responsible for the organization by which he is engaged, are placed in control of the Provincial Treasury? This seems to be a fair appraisal of the case.

Let it be understood by all that Mr. Carter is concerned not so much in the interests of the men with whom he is associated.

The Standard has already pointed out that if Mr. Carter has definite charges to make there is a way to make them, but he cannot expect to make them at the public expense. He has had more than a little to say concerning the collection of a fund from the liquor dealers in the city of St. John, and the Telegraph and Times have given publicity to many insinuations regarding that matter. But neither Mr. Carter, nor the newspapers which give publicity to his material has charged that any member of the government or of the legislature directed the collection of money, profited by it, or had knowledge of it, if any such collection was made.

As a matter of fact there is no campaign fund, and never has been since the Clarke Government came into power. Subscriptions were neither received nor asked for from liquor dealers or any one else, either by the members of the Government, or members of the Legislature. Opportunity has been given for the production of statements and evidence to the contrary, if any such can be produced, but so far there has been no effort by Mr. Carter or his newspapers to go beyond mere newspaper misrepresentation and insinuation. It is time the bluff was called. If Mr. Carter or the Telegraph or Times can produce evidence to show that any member of the Clarke Government or New Brunswick Legislature received, solicited or had knowledge of any fund such as suggested, in the name of common sense and decency let them produce it. If they are unable to do so would it not be the decent thing for them to change their method of campaign? This talk of graft and slander becomes very tiresome unless it can be supported by something more than mere persistence and wind.

WHY ARE THEY SILENT?

The Borden Government, during the present war, bought field dressings for the Canadian forces at 21 cents each.—See Evidence before Public Accounts Committee.

The Laurier government, during the South African war, when such articles should be cheaper, paid 26 cents each for the same class of dressing.—See Auditor-General's report 1899-1900, Division "Q," page 122.

The Borden Government, during the present war, bought soldiers' "housewives" for 53 1/2 cents each.—See Evidence before Public Accounts Committee.

The Laurier government, during the South African war, when such articles should be cheaper, paid 90 cents each for a similar article.—See Auditor-General's report, 1899-1900, Division "Q," page 117.

In the case of the purchases by the Borden Government the Telegraph and Times and Liberals everywhere shouted "Grafters and Thieves." Confronted by the evidence of the Laurier government's action they are silent.

WHY?

The editor of the Telegraph sneers at the "limited vocabulary" which, he claims, is possessed by the editor of this newspaper. With close attention we hope to remedy the defect in time, but if possession of an extensive command of English also brings in its train swatting, willing to peddle one's ability and education to the political party prepared to pay the highest price, then The Standard's editor rejoices in his shortcomings. "Words are like leaves and where they most abound much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."

Once more has Honorable J. B. M. Baxter earned the gratitude of the people of St. John. There was a troublesome difficulty in connection with the operation of the street railway service on the new bridge at the Reversing Falls. The Attorney General, with the assistance of the provincial engineer, and the co-operation of the St. John Railway Company, took the matter in hand and the problem has been practically solved.

The Canada Brush Company has secured a profitable war contract the fulfillment of which will mean additional employment for St. John workmen. The contract was secured through the efforts of Hon. J. D. Hazen who has given one more evidence of his never failing interest in and zeal for this port.

APPRECIATE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY POSTMASTER SEARS

Letter From Canadian Organizer of Overseas Fund Sends Thanks for Postmaster's Efforts in Securing Money to Buy Tobacco for Soldiers.

Postmaster Sears acknowledges the following for the Overseas Tobacco Fund:

E. B. Kierstead, post office, city, 25c; Mrs. H. Atworth Smith, Somerville, N. J. (per Edwin Peters, General Agent), \$5; Edwin Peters, \$1; P. A. K. for "Koko-Koko" club, county, \$1; Miss Emeline L. Smith, Taunton, Mass., \$1; contributions from Ash Point, \$9.50.

The last named included two contributions of a dollar each from J. D. Williams, Charlotte street, city, and a "tripod," five of fifty cents each and twenty of twenty-five cents each.

"We take the opportunity to congratulate you on the splendid work you are doing for St. John for the fund. Your announcements in the newspapers have been brought to our notice and we would like to say that your method of dealing with collections meets with our hearty approval. So much so indeed that we are going to ask you to let us have a report up to date. It is quite possible that you may have some suggestions which have not occurred to us and which we could put into practice in other districts."

That is an extract from a letter received by Postmaster Sears from the Canadian organizer of the Overseas Club, regarding the Overseas Tobacco Fund. So far, an enclosure adds, that club has contributed \$20,000 to the tobacco fund which had enabled them to send 600,000 packages to the front. The entire cost of the clerical work, etc., is borne by the club, so that every penny received has been spent in the actual purchase of the sixty tons of tobacco and thirty million cigarettes. The postmaster-general had organized a fund and over sixty newspapers and eleven banks were reported as co-operating for the supply of smokes. By buying in bulk they were able to send abroad for twenty-five cents a package containing four ounces of Canadian tobacco, fifty cigarettes, matches and cigarette papers, etc., which in England would cost four shillings. This had been made possible by special arrangement with the War Office to send out parcels duty and carriage free. A postcard will be enclosed in each package addressed to the donor, so that the recipient may thank his benefactor personally. The Bank of Montreal, St. John, N. B., August 30th, 1915.

Edward Sears, Postmaster, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir,—We have to acknowledge receipt from you of the sum of \$91.25 which we have transferred to the Honorary Treasurer of the Overseas Club, London, England, being contributions received through you for the "Overseas Tobacco Fund."

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Ambrose, Manager.

RECORD ENTRY OF LIVE STOCK.

Toronto Exhibition Officials May Have to Erect Temporary Quarters for Overflow.

Live-stock entries for the Canadian National Exhibition are the largest in the history of the Big Fair at Toronto, and the prospects are that temporary quarters will be required to house the overflow for the first time since the new sheds and buildings were erected. Increases are shown in nearly every class of sheep, swine and cattle. A notable feature is the exceptionally large number of new exhibitors whose names appear in the entry lists, an indication of the fact that the farmer is loyally responding to the Patriotism and Production campaign despite the labor scarcity and other handicaps. The dairy, grain, vegetable and other agricultural exhibits will be on a more elaborate scale than ever before. In addition to the model settler's farm, to be the feature of the Ontario Government exhibit in the Government Building, where growing crops

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

We was setting supper last night, me drinking 4 glasses of ice tea and asking for another wun and not getting it, and I sed, Pop. Do I hear the thrush calling, sed pop. Meaning wat did I wunt, and I sed, If you find something and keep it, is that stealing. Well, in sum places it is, sed pop, ony the uthr day I was reading about a man in Mexico who fownd a Ford car and stook it in his back pocket, and it died in there and they clapped him in jail for it. In yure 3rd bewro draw; I sed running out of the dining room as if I thawt the cops was chasing me. Wat kind of candy, sed pop. Chocklits, I sed. Chocklits, heb, yes, I think that wood be stelling, that is, unless you spent at least 7 dollars in advertising to find the owner, sed pop. That's wat I thawt, so I jest took 3 pieces out and put the box back wure I found it, I sed. O, and wure did you find it, sed my sistir Gladdis. Wat, I sed getting up awf of my chare. You herd me, I sed wure did you find that box of candy, sed Gladdis. In yure 3rd bewro draw; I sed running out of the dining room as if I thawt the cops was chasing me.

will be shown, an additional exhibit of vegetables in an advanced state of growth is to be shown by the Government in the Horticultural Building. The Dairy Exhibit will have an unusually large number of entries from Quebec and promises to be very extensive.

The Egg Exhibit is proving very popular and more entries are being received than can be conveniently handled. Next year new cold-storage arrangements will be made for this feature. The poultry entries are the largest in the history of the Fair.

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BOY SCOUTS

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SCOUT EDITOR,
THE STANDARD,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

not later than Sept. 2nd.

To the Boy Scout whom I consider has sent in the most correct sentence, I shall award a **SPLENDID WATCH** as First Prize.

When framing a picture it is a good plan to paste a piece of brown paper over the back to keep out the dust. If this is done by pasting the paper in the ordinary way, a lot of creases will be left, and the paper will not fit properly. A better method is to wet the paper, all round. Now paste these edges, lay the paper over the back of the picture, and allow it to dry. When dry, the paper will be quite tight and smooth.

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