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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.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The net result of last evening's meeting in the Board of Trade rooms is that the gathering of business men, after debating the Valley Railway route for almost three hours decided to do nothing until another meeting, which a member of the Government will be asked to attend, and at which it is hoped the reports of surveys at the suggested bridge sites across the river St. John would be available in order that citizens would have an opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the conditions found by Engineers Montserrat and Maxwell.

The discussion was at all times friendly and practically always non-political. One feature which was apparent to most of those present was that one of the advocates of the East Side route, W. E. Foster, was inclined to be rather evasive in replying to a direct question asked by W. E. Tennant, who seconded the Thomson amendment. Mr. Tennant asked if, as insinuated, the cost of the river bridges was not the real reason why the Provincial Government desired to change from the East to the West banks of the river, what, in Mr. Foster's opinion, was the true fact?

Mr. Foster, in the course of his address, gave as his opinion, that Hon. Frank Cochrane, Dominion Minister of Railways and Canals had refused to permit the Dominion Government to bear the cost of the bridges. That was the truth, but hardly the whole truth. Mr. Foster knows very well, or, if he does not, should know before attempting to discuss the matter, that Hon. Mr. Cochrane had a good and sufficient reason for refusing to guarantee the bridges. The original guarantee of the Government was conditional, as all guarantees for public work must be. The Government guaranteed the bridges PROVIDED THEY COULD BE REASONABLY AND SAFELY BUILT. The report of the Dominion Government engineer who surveyed the suggested bridge crossings, was to the effect that the cost would be extremely heavy, and that, when completed, the life of the bridges would be problematical. Under such conditions, and in the face of the report of his own engineer, the Minister of Railways was perfectly justified in his refusal to commit the country to an expenditure the benefit of which would be questionable, more particularly as the completed proposition is to be taken over by the Dominion Government and operated as a part of the Canadian Railway system.

The difficulty in the way of answering such a question fairly and fully is that there has been an effort on the part of opposition newspapers to intimate that there is something diabolical and sinister in the change of plan. Mr. Foster may not think so, but he has not said that he does not, but had he come out in the open last night and related the whole facts when requested, he might have embarrassed some of the newspapers supporting the leaderless provincial opposition. Political considerations occasionally hamper a full and untrammelled discussion of such matters. Was it such a consideration that prompted Mr. Foster to tell only half the truth?

No evidence adduced at the meeting by friends of the East side route was sufficiently heavy to outweigh the advantages that can fairly be claimed for it. The claims made by them at Tuesday's meeting were fairly answered by Mr. Tennant, who showed that they were either without foundation in fact or greatly exaggerated.

THE MORNING ANANIAS AND THE EVENING SAPPHORA.

A miserable attempt to misrepresent and prejudice a Minister of the Crown was made yesterday morning by the Telegraph, and repeated, with cheap editorial adornment, in last evening's Times. It should be understood by the people of this Province that the Daily Telegraph and Times have at Fredericton, a gentleman, who, during the term of the Legislature, keeps those journals supplied with political fiction.

In yesterday's issue the Telegraph published under a Fredericton date line a statement that in reply to a question by opposition members last session, Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister for Agriculture and selling Premier

said: "There was no letter of credit or authority to make drafts to any person in connection with the purchase of potatoes for the patriotic or Belgian gifts." The Telegraph then states that a letter from J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture, had been given to the manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at East Florenceville to the effect that the Department of Agriculture would "accept drafts made by B. F. Smith of Florenceville upon this department, for thirty-five cars of potatoes when drafts are accompanied by invoice and bill of lading covering each individual car."

The Times last evening published the following as an editorial note:

"In reply to an enquiry at the last session of the legislature, Hon. Mr. Murray said there was no letter of credit or authority to make drafts to any person in connection with the purchase of potatoes for the patriotic or Belgian gifts. Papers brought down this week show that Mr. B. Frank Smith was authorized to make drafts for thirty-five cars of potatoes. What is Mr. Murray's explanation?"

Hon. Mr. Murray needs no explanation for he stated the absolute truth. The explanation should be forthcoming from the political falsifiers of Canterbury street, as to why they were guilty of such a miserable and unwarranted attempt to discredit and misrepresent a public man. Here are the facts in the case; the people can judge for themselves.

Hon. Mr. Murray was asked, last session, by Mr. Pelletier the following question: "Was there a letter of credit or authority to make drafts given to any person in connection with the purchase of potatoes for the patriotic and Belgian gifts?"

And here is Hon. Mr. Murray's reply as taken from the official records: "There was no letter of credit or authority to make drafts given to any person in connection with the purchase of potatoes for the patriotic or Belgian gifts. ANY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE WITH THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA."

A few days later, the Honorable Mr. Murray explained that "owing to the serious illness of Mr. J. B. Daggett, Secretary for Agriculture, the details of any arrangement made by him with the Bank of Nova Scotia in connection with the purchase of potatoes for the patriotic gift and Belgian relief are not at present available, but will be ascertained on his recovery and returned to the Department."

At the time Mr. Daggett was dangerously ill and it was not possible for the Minister of Agriculture to obtain from him the information sought. The Department received the information on Mr. Daggett's recovery and return to the service and it was made public when desired.

But the Telegraph, while printing the first part of Hon. Mr. Murray's reply deliberately omitted the concluding sentence and did not publish his explanation, thereby placing a different construction on the whole matter. The desire of the Telegraph and Times was to make it appear that the Minister of Agriculture told an untruth for the purpose of hiding something. Such an insinuation is entirely without foundation and worthy only of the source from which it comes.

The incident affords merely another evidence of the right the Telegraph and Times possess to the title of the morning Ananias and the Evening Sapphira.

ITALY IN THE WAR.

Dr. Vittorio Racco, professor of the University of Rome and of New York University, makes a spirited reply to those who question Italy's course in the war and who would throw suspicion upon her motives or impute cowardice growing out of the fact that thus far there is no formal declaration of war between Italy and Germany. The professor makes it pointedly clear that it was Germany's place to declare war on Italy and that it is Germany "who has tried to be devilishly shrewd, although it is Italy who is blamed." Despite many provocations, Germany has not declared war on Italy. Italy is at war with Germany's ally. She has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany. Germans are treated in Italy like the

citizens of other enemy countries. Italy is uniting intimately with the enemies of Germany to accomplish the overthrow of Germany and her allies.

Why Germany clings so desperately to her outwardly peaceful relations with Italy is declared by Professor Racco to be very simple. Germany has \$3,000,000,000 invested in Italy. Sooner or later this enormous amount of money would be lost if Germany were at war with Italy. On the contrary, if by a miracle of equilibrium it were possible to preserve it until after the war, she would be able, if not politically, to still dominate Italy economically. Moreover, Germany is not inconvenienced by the fact that she is not at war against Italy, as Professor Racco points out. The two countries are not contiguous and Germany can use Austria at any time that she deems it necessary to strike at Italy. In spite of this she cannot well say she is not at war with Italy for on the 17th of March Dr. Carl Helfrich, secretary of the Imperial treasury of Germany, spoke before the Reichstag of "the daily war expenditure of the enemy, inclusive of Italy."

In further defense of Italy, Professor Racco draws attention to the absolute need of Italy being prepared against such an attack on her front as was delivered at Verdun. He claims that Italy pointed out how Bulgaria might have been kept out of the war. Serbia was doomed when Bulgaria sold herself to Germany, and Italy could not then think of embarking upon an impossible expedition to save Serbia. For the same reasons Italy kept out of Montenegro, but she sent such an army to Avionia as to make the Teutonic victory over Montenegro of no importance in the mastery of the Adriatic and to prepare a condition of things which will make possible at a later stage combined action from Avionia and Saloniki.

Italy, more than any of the Allies, the professor contends, has convinced Roumania to enter the war on their side. The Italian fleet patrols the Mediterranean with that of England and France. When 150,000 Austrians were leaving the Isonzo front to help the Germans before Verdun, the Italians launched such a terrific attack that these Austrians were prevented from leaving and heavy guns were hurriedly withdrawn from Verdun.

The professor seems to have made out his case.

The Times last evening said "Acting Premier Murray and Attorney-General Baxter have been hurriedly called to Ottawa. What's the trouble?" Those who have had business with the Attorney-General or at his office have known for more than a week that it was his intention to leave Fredericton for Ottawa on Thursday night. There was no "hurried call" as the Times suggests and the departure of both gentlemen was simply to keep an engagement made some days ago. Stripped of unnecessary verbiage and expressed in the plainest language the Times is a falsifier.

Revally.

Did you hear a bugle calling at the breaking of the day—
"Come, arouse! Awake from slumber!"
We must rise and march away!
For there's blood along the high road,
And there's moaning in the lane,
And the fields are torn and blackened;
And the long, low throb of pain,
Growing through a fierce crescendo,
Thrills the heart and fires the brain—
"Tis Revally! Come away!"

There's a dust-cloud o'er the desert,
Morn and eve and noonday heat,
Hark! the swift-advancing pulses of the hoots' keen hurrying beat!
There's the sound of mighty mustering,
And the old flag is unfurled;
For at Honor's breast the cruel foe his dart of hate has hurled.
And the cry of Freedom, stricken, has gone ringing round the world—
"Tis Revally! Come away!"

Who would linger when the sorrow of the world is sobbing "Come!"
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THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

There was a live pig in a box in front of Mr. Smith's butcher store, being a little black pig grunting all the time without stopping, as if he was trying to count up to a million or something, and I stood there a while watching it and seeing if it would answer when I said, Hay, Bill, hay, Rover, hay, Sport, hay Prince. With it wooden, and I kept on wawking until a saw Sam Crawas having a catch by himself up against a wall, and I said, Hay, Sam was you think?

Wat? sed Sam.
I no ware a educated pig is, I sed.
Ware? sed Sam.
I no, all rite, I sed, if you ask it questions in arithmetic it answere you, it can count up to any number.
Yes, it can, sed Sam. Meaning it coodent, and I sed, Wat do you want to bet, do you want to bet a sent.
Wat do you mean, count out load? sed Sam.
Yes, out loud, do you want to bet a sent, I sed. Wich he sed he did, and I took him around to the butcher store and stopped in front of the box, the little pig being inside of it, still grunting.

Now watch I, sed. And I stuck my had down, saying, Hay, pig, how much is 2 times 2? And then I waited till the pig grunted 4 more grunts and then I sed, See, did you heer him, he grunted 4.
You brany, sed Sam.
Wy am I? I sed. And I put my had down again, saying, Hay, pig, how much is 4 and 5? And after the pig grunted 9 more times I sed, There you are 9.
9 nothing, wy he still grunting, sed Sam.

Well wat of it, he dont haff to stop jest because he makes the rite an ser, does he, you owa me a sent, I sed.
The heck I do, sed Sam.
The heck you dont, I sed. And we was jest starting to have a fite about it wen pop came slaving and wunted to no all about it, and Sam told him, and pop gave us each a sent and went home laffin like anything.

only, treasurer. The band numbers thirty. Twenty-five members are wearing khaki and of those who were at the front, Privates Gabriel and Thomas of the 26th were killed.

Last Night Arrests.
Five drunks were gathered in by the police last night. A soldier was arrested for assault, and a sailor was given in charge for absconding himself from a transport without leave.

**See their shadows, crowned with glory, pointing onwards to the fray—
"Tis Revally! Come away!"**
—LAUCHLIN MACLEAN WATT.

Mrs. William Shaw.
The many friends of Mrs. Isabel Shaw, wife of William Shaw, learned with deep regret of her death, which occurred at her home, 139 Waterloo St., yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Shaw had been a sufferer from paralysis for two years. She is survived by her husband, five sons, Harrison B. of Portland, Oregon; Lieut. Leonard D. of Montreal; Edwin E. of Sydney, C. B.; William A. and Allen B. of this city; and two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Crawford of St. John, and Miss Eleanor at home.
The funeral will be held on Monday, at 2.30 from her late home.

Temple Band Officers.
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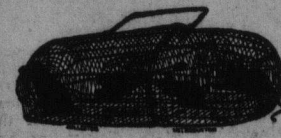


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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Bradley.
St. George, March 30.—Death has been quite busy here this winter, especially among our aged residents. On Saturday evening Mrs. Mary Bradley, aged 78 years, while attending to her household affairs, was stricken with paralysis from which she never rallied but passed peacefully away on Sunday at 4 a. m. She leaves to mourn their loss one son, James, and two daughters, Cassie and Anna, all of whom are living home. In addition to her other duties she had the care of her son, James, who has been a helpless bed-ridden invalid for the past seventeen years to whom she gave patient and unremitting attention. The funeral services conducted by Rev. J. W. Holland, took place on Tuesday morning at the Roman Catholic church.

George H. Northrup.
Bellevue Station, March 27.—The death of Mr. George Henry Northrup took place very suddenly at his home here on the morning of March 27. He had been in his usual good health. On Saturday he with a number of men engaged in breaking the roads which were blocked with snow. On Sunday morning he was suddenly taken ill and in spite of the best of medical attention he died early Monday morning, 27th. He leaves to mourn a widow, two sons and three daughters, besides two brothers and one sister, also a large number of relatives and friends. He was a man well thought of and a good neighbor.

Paul Irving.
Hillsborough, March 25.—After a short illness, the death of Paul Irving occurred at his home on Monday evening. Deceased was in the nineteenth year of his age, and leaves to mourn his loss a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Irving, residing here; two sisters and eight brothers. Mrs. Chas. Peterson of Moncton and Miss Clara Irving of Amesbury, Mass., are the sisters. The brothers are Ford and Milford, of Lawrence, Mass.; Ambury, of the 104th Battalion, Sussex, and Everett, Edward, Emory, William and Barton of this place. Much sympathy is felt for the family.

Peter Reed.
Salt Springs, March 27.—On Thursday evening, 23rd inst., Mr. Peter Reed, a highly esteemed resident of this place passed peacefully away at the age of 70 years.

The deceased had not been very long out of a number of years but not until recently did there seem to be any danger of his health breaking down. Several weeks before his death his condition became more serious. He grew continually worse until on the evening of the 23rd inst. he peacefully took his flight.

Sesides a sorrowing widow he leaves to mourn the loss of a loving wife, three daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. David Flory, Clover Hill, and Misses Ada and Lillie at home, and one son, Fred, also at home.

Mr. Reed was widely known, and was much admired by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. For quite a number of years he was an elder in the Presbyterian church, which office he always graced with dignity and true worth. When his last sickness overtook him he was preparing to attend a Presbytery meeting in St. John for the purpose of looking after some congregational work. He will much missed, not only in his own home, and in the surrounding community, but also in his church to which he was ever loyal. The funeral which was largely attended, was held on Sunday, and was conducted by Rev. R. N. Stavar, of Norton. Interment was in the Salt Springs cemetery.

Dr. W. W. Doherty.
Ravton, March 28.—Dr. W. W. Doherty, a well known and skillful physician, passed away at his home here Sunday night after a few days' illness of double pneumonia. He was the eldest son of the late Dr. Isaac W. Doherty and was born here about fifty-seven years ago. He is survived by a widow, who was formerly Miss Alma Girvan of this town and two daughters.