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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.

WHY?

Frank B. Carvell, Member of Parliament for the County of Carleton, N. B., and George W. Kyte, Member of Parliament for the County of Richmond, N. S., have made serious allegations against a responsible minister of the Canadian Government and responsible Canadian officials.

These allegations and comments upon them by the men named and the Liberal press have had the effect of defaming Canada and of arousing throughout the world a contempt and prejudice against this country.

Free and full investigation of the allegations made by Carvell and Kyte has shown there was no corruption or dishonesty on the part of the Minister of the Canadian Government or the Canadian officials referred to.

Why should Frank B. Carvell, Member of Parliament for the County of Carleton, N. B., and George W. Kyte, Member of Parliament for the County of Richmond, N. S., be permitted to remain in Canadian public life?

WHAT CANADA HAS DONE.

While the Empire is at war it is the manifest duty of all the daughter nations to strain every resource of men and money to the end that victory may rest on the banners of Great Britain. We believe this duty is realized all over the red mapped lands and consequently that it is inadvisable to draw comparisons between the sacrifices made by the different Empire peoples. Some of the more partisan Liberal newspapers in Canada have, however, engaged in a campaign of that sort for the purpose of creating an impression that Canada, under the Borden administration, has gone far behind Australia in effective war measures. This sort of thing has been indulged in by the Toronto Globe, the Montreal Herald and, locally, by the Times, the latter paper, on Tuesday evening, devoting considerable space to an editorial praising Australia for what had been accomplished there and condemning the Canadian Government, for what was said to be, a poor showing.

When such assertions are made it is necessary that they have behind them something of proof, and reference to known figures will show that in the case of Canada and Australia the proof of Antipodean superiority is entirely lacking. There is no question but that our Imperial brothers across the Pacific have given freely of men and money, but to intimate that our own achievements pale in comparison is not only unpatriotic and disloyal, but absolutely untrue.

The Ottawa newspapers have been called upon to meet some such comparison and, in doing so, have presented interesting facts and figures of which, to take the most charitable view of it, the editor of the Evening Times must have been ignorant. The Ottawa Journal, for instance, a paper frequently quoted with approval by the Times and Telegraph, has this to say:

"According to the Melbourne Argus, one of the greatest of Australian journals, Australia, up to April 17, had recruited 255,000 men. Canada up to the same date had totalled over 330,000. In view of the fact that before the war Australia had a system of universal military training (something which the Liberals cursed and opposed) and consequently a better basis of army organization; and in view of the further fact that the English-speaking populations of the two countries are about equal, it is hard to see wherein our conduct has been vastly inferior.

"Of the Australian forces about 185,000 had been sent overseas up to the 15th of April, which left about 65,000 training in home camps. Canada, in comparison, had over 200,000 men overseas at the same date, with about 130,000 training at home.

"During the past year the Dominion Government has been able to finance all Canadian war effort without borrowing a cent from the British treasury. In fact it has been able to supply Britain with a splendid credit of \$150,000,000, not including a further credit of \$25,000,000 cabled by Finance Minister White only the other day.

"Australia, on the other hand, is borrowing this year something like \$125,000,000 from the British Government to finance the Commonwealth's share in the war. In making this announcement a few months ago the Australian finance minister stated that in his opinion the time had arrived when Australia should at least furnish the money to pay her own share of war expenditure, if not, indeed, to

in the present war will probably say there is no comparison between the two emergencies. That is quite true but it is equally true that there is no better comparison between the governments in power now and then. Laurier reluctantly sent soldiers to Africa and sent them at Britain's expense. Borden offered Canadian assistance before war was declared and, in this case, Canada is paying the bills.

THE INCONSISTENT GRIT PRESS.

In criticism of the Borden Government for refusing to be stamped into the introduction of conscription the Times takes its inspiration from the Toronto Globe and, to bolster its own case, quotes the Globe's complaint that the Government has not grasped the seriousness of the situation and is not alive to its duty. The Times, however, lacks the fairness to tell its readers that the Toronto Globe has changed its opinion on conscription and the Government in thirteen days and now criticizes the Premier and his associates for not doing what, less than two weeks previously that paper had said was impossible. Here are the quotations in parallel columns. They completely expose the weakness of the case prepared by the Toronto Globe and slavishly followed by its local imitator:

From The Toronto Globe, June 15, 1916.
No responsible Canadian statesman to whom the representative of the crown could turn as a possible premier would take office to enforce compulsory military service in the Dominion. Sir Robert Borden would not do it. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not do it. No man of eminence in either party would attempt what the recognized party leaders know and admit cannot be done. There are not less than three million people out of a total population of eight millions in the Dominion who would resent severely the application to the men of military age among them of a law compelling enlistment for service in a European war. . . . Ontario will unquestionably reach this figure (its full share) before the end of the war.

From The Toronto Globe, June 28, 1916.
Is the Prime Minister of Canada asleep? Are they all so dull, or self-satisfied, as not to see that all over Canada, and especially in Ontario, the people who know at first hand the recruiting situation, and particularly know it is handicapped by the militia department, from the minister down, are becoming almost rebellious in their indignation?

No matter what the cheaper Grit newspapers may say, the capacity of the Canadian Government as displayed in the handling of the war problems has won the unqualified admiration of the independent press of the world. Yesterday The Standard published extracts from the New York Sun, the Christian Science Monitor of Boston, and the London Daily Express, in which those newspapers paid tribute to the ability of the Government and the manner in which they had met difficulties arising from the war. Scores of similar testimonials could be reproduced if necessary but it suffices to name the London Times, the Chronicle, the News, the Morning Post, the Leader, the Manchester Guardian, the Yorkshire Post, the Liverpool Mercury and the Edinburgh Scotsman as British newspapers which have found in the Canadian Government a great deal to admire.

Yet, in spite of everything these tributes convey, in spite of the fact that the Borden Government is faced with the greatest problems known in the history of Canada, in spite of the fact that every man in that Government is working with might and main with but one end in view, we find that certain party-blind Grit newspapers and Grit politicians base their idea of public service upon the quantity of abuse and misrepresentation they can heap upon the men who are directing Canadian affairs. Such a course is unpatriotic, disloyal and altogether to be deplored, particularly when there exists absolutely no warrant for it, and it is necessary to descend to falsehood to maintain such pernicious activity.

A COMPARISON.

For the purpose of creating political capital against the Canadian Government it pleases a section of the newspaper press supporting the party of Laurier, to cry that the Government has not done its full duty in the provision of men for the Empire armies. To those "noisy boys," of whom Sir John has a couple of samples, The Standard suggests a brief comparison between the record of the Borden administration in the present crisis, and that made by Laurier during the South African war.

To date, Canada has raised more than 360,000 men, and more than 250,000 have been sent overseas. The total cost of these troops has been borne by Canada and this country will continue to pay the bills.

During the South African war of 1899-1900 Canada raised, trained and sent to the battlefront 166 officers and 2,913 men. Several weeks elapsed after the outbreak of war before Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates gave their consent to a man leaving this country. After the war was over, the Laurier government forwarded its bill for military assistance to the British Government and that bill was paid.

Liberal newspapers contending that the Government has not done its duty

The Cathedral.

William G. Shakespeare does no violence to literary associations. Listen to this sonnet on ruined Ypres: Hope and mirth are gone. Beauty is departed. Heaven's hid in smoke, if there's heaven still. Silent the city, friendless, broken-hearted. Crying in quiet as a widow will. Oh, for the sound here of a good man's laughter. Of one blind beggar singing in the street. Where there's no sound, except a blaring rafter. Falls or the patter of a starved dog's feet.

I have seen Death, and comrades' crumpled faces. Yea, I have closed dear with half a smile; But horror's in this havoc of old places. Where driven men once rested and where women would hurry. And girls were happy for a little while. Forgiving, praying, singing, feeling sorry.

—The Vancouver World.

SAYS REPRISALS WOULD GIVE THE HUNS AN EXCUSE

Lord Beresford Opposed to Harsh Measures Against Prisoners in England Because Germans Had Reduced Rations of Captives.

London, July 5.—The position of British prisoners in the camp at Ruhleben, Germany, whose rations are said to have been reduced, was raised in the House of Lords today by Baron Devonport. Lord Beresford and other members opposed the idea of instituting reprisals on the ground that it would not influence the Germans who, they said, would be glad of any excuse to starve British prisoners. Baron Newton, under secretary for foreign affairs, announced that the

Little Benny's Note Book

I was pretty near late for school today hurrying up with my breakfast by doing more swallowing than chewing, and then I started to hunt around for my cap, yelling upstairs to ma, Ma, I can't go to school.

What's the reason you can't? said ma.
I can't find my cap, I said.
Well, why don't you remember where you put it? said ma.
I do remember, I put it in the hall rack, I said.
If you had did it there it would be there, said ma.
People are always moving things in this house, I said.
You don't tell me, said ma. And she came down and started to hunt for it, saying, If you would only remember where you put things, you wouldn't have this trouble all the time.

I put it in the hall rack, I tell you, I said.
Yes, you tell me, but that's not saying I believe it, said ma.
Well, I did, I said. And we keep on looking for it different places, and all of a sudden ma said, Wait that sticking out of your back pocket. And I felt to see, saying, My cap.
O, said ma.
I put it there last night when I came in so I'd know where I put it, I said.

Are you quite sure you didn't put it in the hall rack, said ma.
I put it in the hall rack the night before last, I said.
All right, now run or you'll be late, said ma.
I noo I put it there some time, all right, I said. And I started to run to school, being the last one in.

foreign office had, at last received the reply of Germany to the proposals made by the British government. The reply has not yet been examined, but it is not a categorical refusal.

Baron Newton therefore asked that the discussion be adjourned.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR COMPROMISE ON IRISH AFFAIR

London, July 5, 7.20 p. m.—The outlook for a compromise settlement of the Irish question has improved. It was announced today that Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, had received assurances to this effect, of such a nature as to justify him in withdrawing his resignation. A meeting of Unionists to consider the matter will be held at the Carlton Club on Friday.

The Earl of Selborne resigned the presidency of the board of agriculture on account of the Irish question and it was reported that Mr. Long and the Marquis of Lansdowne, minister without portfolio, had presented their resignations. The foregoing, however, is the first definite information that Mr. Long gave in his resignation, which he has now withdrawn.

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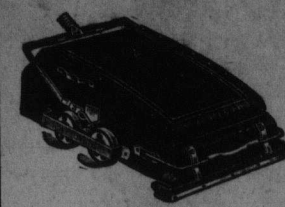
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A CONTRACTOR WRITES TO CORRECT THE TIMES

Local Machine Grit Organ Published Untrue Item from "Pro-Morrissey" Paper

The following letter is self-explanatory: Moncton, July 4.

Editor Times:

Sir,—In your issue of July 3 you give prominence to an item copied from the North Shore Leader, which you say speaks for Hon. John Morrissey, making reference to matters connected with our contract for the construction of the sub-structures of the Moncton bridge over the Petitcodiac river.

It is not our policy to notice comment in reference to our work, but this article is so absolutely false and so evidently inspired by a discarded politician, who is more largely endowed with the spirit of a disappointed office holder than brains, that we are bound to refer to it.

In the first place, we have a job in hand which the late honorable minister endeavored to award the Foundation Company, Ltd., at a price much in excess of our figure for the same work. We do not question the ability of the Foundation Company to have carried this job to completion, had same been placed in their hands, but we see no reason to assume that our company has not shown unquestioned ability to carry out its work according to its contract.

We know of only one job in the eastern provinces where the conditions were as difficult as this Petitcodiac river at Moncton, and this job we refer to was on the Shubenacadie river near Matland. Who built that work and what were their experiences? A New York company, included in the personnel of which were people afterwards connected with Hon. John Morrissey's pet Foundation Company. They are said to have placed five caissons, four of which went adrift, one seven miles up the river and landed on the bank. Is this evidence of "sole ability" or "highly"?

We encountered a misfortune in having one of our caissons break adrift on a very unusual tidal condition at that particular time, but about two weeks later we brought that caisson back and placed it in position on its site and exact position, according to our understanding.

We have now all our caissons placed, except one, and our plans and abutments all completed except two, which we are disposed to think is not by any means discreditable, and as far as completion within our time limit is concerned, we do not anticipate any delay, such as will interfere at any rate with the progress of the super-structure contractors.

The caisson which went adrift did

