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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 TIMES AND THE N. T. R.

The editor of the Times now indulges in a very mild defence of Mr. Walter E. Foster's activities in connection with the matter of the N. T. R., and St. John and says that if Mr. Foster and his friends "had their way they would have the National Transcontinental bringing freight to St. John by the shortest and cheapest route, and shipping it from wharves and elevators at Courtenay Bay."

The editor of the Telegraph's evening reprint is always amusing and at no time more so than when he attempts to swallow himself and his past performances. The Standard has had occasion to say several things respecting the N. T. R., but in all humility we submit that when compared to the editorial fulminations of the Times, back in the good old days of 1904 when the orders were to roast the Grits and the N. T. R., anything we have said is but as skimmed milk compared with brandy. If the promoters of the N. T. R., and of the Moncton route, which today appears to be causing some discussion, desire to get a real, live wire opinion of themselves and their activities they will only refer to the Times' files of other days. Even Mr. Walter E. Foster and the Liberal gentlemen for whom he speaks could probably find some inspiration from those time hallowed pages. That is one reason why the esteemed editor of the Times is in difficulty. He hesitates to turn too quickly for fear that, in the process, he will catch up with the Times' editor of other days.

RECIPROCITY AGAIN

The Liberals, especially those in the West, fancy that the reciprocity movement will revive if the Democrats are beaten at the Presidential elections next year and the Republicans with a higher tariff policy are victorious. The Western settler, they go on, will then lose the low Underwood duties and in despair call on Ottawa to negotiate a reciprocity treaty reducing the duties to a still lower figure in return for liberal concessions by Canada to the American manufacturer.

They forget how bitter the Republican farmers of New England and the Western States were against the Taft-Fielding reciprocity. Blaine's saying that Canadians should not be allowed the free run of the American market, or anything like it, till they had formally joined the American family through annexation, was a frequent text at Republican meetings; and when Mr. Taft was defeated, leading Democratic papers said the reciprocity proposals had severely injured him and that President Wilson would not be caught in the same trap. The American farmer, Republican or Democratic, does not think it fair that he should be exposed to a constant flood of agricultural products from Canada in order that the American manufacturer may enjoy a larger sale for his goods in the Canadian market. As far back as 1890 the Republicans began to insert reciprocity clauses in their tariffs, but although they framed treaties, which as a rule came to nothing, with several foreign countries, they passed Canada by quite coldly. Of late prices in the Canadian West have been higher than at Minneapolis and nothing could be gained from the freest exchange of natural products.

The western Liberal has a grudge against the Canadian manufacturer so virulent that he overlooks an important point that has a bearing on our political status. Let us suppose that Canada was negotiating a reciprocity treaty with Newfoundland and that Newfoundland belonged to the United States. If the arrangement was that we should pay for Newfoundland raw commodities with factory goods we should be a little surprised if she said: "But as the States is my mother country I must treat her goods in the same manner as yours. I cannot afford to discriminate against them, that would be a long step towards separation." To which we should probably reply that it would be absurd on her part to admit free the goods of our foremost competitor, seeing that we were to favor her exports beyond those of any other country; and there the matter would

terminate. No American manufacturer would care to negotiate a large reciprocity with us if British goods were to be admitted into Canada on the same terms as his own. Under the limited Taft agreement we were not asked to discriminate against British goods, but if a much wider agreement is to be proposed, as Liberals say, we shall certainly be left with the option of imposing high duties on British exports or seeing the project collapse.

Sir Wilfrid and other Liberals of the unrestricted reciprocity period were ready to legislate against England, notwithstanding that, as Mr. Joseph Chamberlain said in Toronto, it would mean early separation. After fighting for her in this war, should we not feel inexpressibly mean if any set of Canadian politicians led us into such an unpatriotic course?

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

That the narrow Times would fail to appreciate the good work done by Major General Sam Hughes in grappling with the problem of munitions was not unexpected. That newspaper can see nothing good in the political party to which it happens to be opposed. Since the entry of Hon. J. D. Hazen to the Dominion Cabinet New Brunswick has had a live wire representative at the nation's council board and excellent results of his work have been apparent on every side. Yet the Times never has a good word for Mr. Hazen so it could not be expected to praise Major General Hughes, although other newspapers, which were Liberal when the Times was devoting its energies to scoring Mr. Pugsley, have been able consistently to say that the Minister of Militia has done splendid work.

Here in St. John there is evidence of the energy of the Minister of Militia and the Minister of Marine. Local firms are today filling war contracts and thus keeping the wheels of industry in motion and the problem of unemployment at the minimum. There are men in this city, employed and earning good wages, who might have been idle were it not for the war contracts. One firm, whose business would be affected in times of depression is working night and day to keep up with its orders and the members of that firm are Liberals in politics. Yet the Times attempts to sneer at this activity and to criticize the responsible ministers in the Borden Cabinet who have devoted the best of their energy and effort to the question of maintaining "business as usual" throughout this Dominion. Such criticism is unwarranted and unfair and the newspaper indulging in it merely stultifies itself.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The centenary of an event important in world history will occur on Friday. One hundred years ago, on June 18th, 1815, Wellington, to that day, greatest of Britain's soldiers, with 70,000 men withstood the attacks of Napoleon's legions and eventually brought the would-be world conqueror to his knees. "The story of Waterloo," says the Toronto Mail and Empire, "has fascinated military historians who have given many versions of that memorable day's happenings. Today Europe is in the thick of fight with another would-be master of the world. Kaiser Wilhelm has military resources that were undreamt of by the great genius whose ambition he is crazy enough to emulate. Wilhelm's Waterloo will be fought on no small battlefield. There are almost daily encounters compared with which the battle that shattered Napoleon's army seems hardly more than a skirmish.

"The French Republic of today is proud of France's ancient military glories, and of the exploits of French courage under the direction of Napoleon. The France of today is fighting desperately the menace of Teuton domination to save its very life; it is fighting for the freedom of nations, against which a hundred years ago Napoleon was leading it. The democratic and non-aggressive France of today, desiring peace and security, without designs on its neighbors, would not follow a Napoleon in a career of world conquest. The Russians fondly remember Borodino, and now are devoted allies of the French against the new Colossus. The centenary of Waterloo,

while it might justly raise feelings of pride at remembrance of former greatness, would not be disagreeable to the French. They have outgrown that, as the British have outgrown regrets and soreness over the loss of the thirteen American colonies. New conditions make new dispositions."

The Mail and Empire makes an excellent suggestion when it asks:

"What shall British communities do to celebrate the event? Why not patriotic public meetings in the cities and towns to encourage recruiting? A century of security, prosperity, and mostly of peace, to Britain and the Empire was bought by British blood on that Belgian field. We are now confronted by the necessity of greater sacrifice for the preservation of the British Empire and all for which it stands. Could a more apt illustration be put forth of the value of such sacrifices than a survey of all that has been done by British ideals in the last century? A century hence posterity will look back upon the struggle of this moment as we look back upon the downfall of Napoleon in 1815. What shall it say of Canada? There could be no more worthy tribute to the brave British who held Hougomont and La Haye Sainte to the last breath than a country-wide rousing appeal for still further present sacrifices to overthrow the Napoleon imitation."

HOP LEE CASE MAY BE FINISHED TODAY

For over two hours yesterday afternoon Dr. McVey occupied the witness box in the Police Court, being cross-examined in the case in which Hop Lee is charged with having opium in his possession, on the 13th of last March. The questions that were being answered by Dr. McVey were mostly on his knowledge of the ingredients in opium, of the tests and analysis of the same. H. O. McNulty, for the prosecution, worked with the witness for over an hour and the remainder of the time was taken up by Daniel Mullin, K. C., counsel for the defendant. Shortly after five o'clock it was decided to adjourn the case until eleven o'clock this morning, when it is hoped that the cross-examination of Dr. McVey will finish, the lawyers will address the court, and the case will then be ready for judgment.

When this case is finished the cases against six Chinese, who are charged with being inmates of Hop Lee's place, will then be taken up, but it is not anticipated that these cases will require much time.

Hop Lee's premises were raided by Policeman Jeffrey on March 13th, and the policeman was charged with having stolen some money from the Chinese. It was while the Chinese were giving evidence against the policeman and admitted that they were in the place at the time, that from evidence obtained Hop Lee and the six others were arrested on March 17th. There have been many unavoidable adjournments in the case which has been responsible for it taking nearly three months to get towards the close.

While the Chinese case has been going on Policeman Jeffrey was committed for trial and honorably acquitted in the County Court.

APOHAQUI NEWS

Apoahqui, June 14.—The branch of the Red Cross Society at Apoahqui wish to acknowledge with thanks the donation of knitting from Mrs. Geo. H. Jones, Mrs. Handford Snyder and Mrs. Henry Gannon of Mountbelle, also Mrs. Geo. Gregg and Miss Lottie Gregg for cash contributions of \$2.50.

Geo. B. Jones, M. L. A., Mrs. Jones, Miss Muriel Jones and C. H. Jones, motored to Chipman for the weekend. Whitfield Erb of Noshua, N. H., was a weekend guest of his brother Edward Erb and Mrs. Erb.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Erb and party, motored from St. John on Sunday and were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erb. Mrs. Duncan McLean of Dalhousie, was the guest of her mother Mrs. John Little, is now visiting her brother, Murray Starkey of Coda's.

Miss Lillian Chambers, St. John, was a guest of her cousin Miss Alice Chambers for a few days last week.

Mrs. W. T. T. Peters, Robesay, was the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ellison here last week en route from Bathurst, where she had been spending a few days with her daughter Miss Julia, who is nursing in the Bathurst hospital. Mr. Peters was also a Sunday guest with Mr. and Mrs. Ellison.

Major Jones of the 50th is at his home here today.

Melbourne Erb, Belleisle, was the guest of relatives here on Sunday.

The "Young Girls' Sewing Club" gave a most enjoyable picnic to a number of their friends on Saturday afternoon. The event was a pleasant consummation of their meetings during the summer months. The guests included the members of the club and a number of other friends, guests of honor being their teachers, Miss C. L. O'Leary, of the primary department and A. B. Brooks, principal. Much credit is due the committee, viz., the Misses Pauline Erb, Ethel Jones, Hazel Lockhart and Jessie Thompson.

E. B. Thompson, Moncton, was a weekend guest with Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Book with McKnight and children, spent Sunday at Grand Lake, guests of friends.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

My cousin Artie and me played detectives today, me being Sherlock and Artie being Homes, awn akkount of us both wanting to be Sherlock Homes so we had to arbitrate and each take half, and atfir a wile I went in atfir a drink of wattr and a was making muffins in the kitchen and wen I calim out agen I sed, Homes, go in and see wat Mrs. Potts is doing and come back and report.

Awl rite, Sherlock, sed Artie.

And he went in the house and pritty soon he calim out agen, saying, She is making muffins, shes got sun made awreddy, Sherlock.

Well wares the evidents, wat do you meen by coming back without any evidents, I sed, youre a heck of a detective.

And Homes went in agen and wrilly soon he calim back with a hot muffin, saying, Heers the evidents, Sherlock, I told there was a big bus awn the wawl and wen she terned around to look I got this evidents and ran out Good work, Homes, I sed.

And we ate the evidents and then Homes sed, Now you go in and get sum evidents, Sherlock, we can use plenty of evidents in this case.

Wich we cood of, and I went in the house and back in the kitchen and ma was taking muffins out of the tin thing and putting them awn a plate, and I stood there a wile till there was only 2 muffins left in the tin thing, and then I se, G, ma, wat do you think.

Dont you dare tell me thares sumthing on the wawl and then run out wen I tern around to look sed ma.

Now mam, I wasnt going to tell you thares anything awn the wawl, I was going to tell you thares a thousing leggir awn the seeling, I sed.

Wat, sed ma. And she quick looked up, and I reatched out for an evidents, and ma looked back agen jest in time to see me and she gave me such a farsee knack awn the knuckles with the tin thing that the 2 muffins jumped out of it about a yard in the air and I ran out to Homes without any evidents and pritty soon atfir that sun moar of the fellos calim around and we got up a salm of kick the wickl.

Eagles. The real estate is left in like manner, and he nominates his sisters executors and trustees. They were so sworn in. Real estate is \$5,050; personally \$14,000. Barnhill, Ewing and Stanford are executors.

In the matter of the estate of Clement P. Clark, retired druggist, there was a return of citation to pass the accounts of the executors, of whom Percy A. Clark, a son, is the active executor. The accounts were gone into, found entirely correct, and were passed and allowed. Henry F. Puddington is proctor.

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Probate Court.

The will of Comly Robertson, lumber surveyor, has been proved. He gives to his sisters, Cecilia A. Robertson and Margaret E., wife of J. Howard E. Eagles, all his personal estate, with the right to expend the income and a portion of the principal—the balance of such personality after the death of the survivor to go to the children of Margaret E. Eagles, namely, Blanche C., Arthur H., and Harry C.

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