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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 MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

Most of the opposition to the Military Service Act is based upon a misunderstanding of its provisions. It really is not an oppressive measure. It provides for the recruiting of Canada's armies from the ranks of those who can best be spared from the essential business of the country, whose places in civil and domestic life can most easily be filled. It will not rob the farm of necessary labor nor the factory of expert assistance. It will not cause the slightest slackening of the wheels of Canadian industry. It will not dislocate Canadian business half as much as the voluntary system which permitted a dozen men to enlist from one establishment and allowed a competing establishment to go free. What it will do is to equalize the burden. It will take from those non-essential industries which have not contributed their share to the cause. It will call to the colors at once only those men who should have gone voluntarily. It will make participation in this war a national business, Canada will fight as a nation instead of as 400,000 individuals, privately prompted by patriotism. And best and most important of all, it will provide prompt and necessary assistance to those gallant sons in France and Flanders who for nearly three years have been fighting our battles.

LINCOLN AND THE DRAFT.

During the American Civil War when Abraham Lincoln found that the system of voluntary enlistment would not secure soldiers quickly enough to meet the demands of the Union armies he instituted a draft. At once there were protests against the proceeding much the same as the protests now being lodged against the Military Service Bill in Canada. To those who protested Lincoln replied as follows:

"There can be no army without men. Men can be obtained only voluntarily or involuntarily. We have ceased to obtain them voluntarily, and to obtain them involuntarily is the draft—the conscription. If you dispute the fact, and declare that men can still be had voluntarily in sufficient numbers, prove the assertion by yourselves volunteering in such numbers, and I shall gladly give up the draft. Or if not a sufficient number, but that one of you will volunteer, be for his single self will escape all the horrors of the draft, and will thereby do only what each one of at least a million of his many brethren have already done. Their toll and blood have been given as much for you as for themselves. Shall it all be lost rather than that you, too, will bear your part?"

The words of Lincoln can well be applied to the situation in Canada today. Sir Robert Borden stood by the voluntary system as long as it produced the necessary results. But the soldiers must be secured and they are not forthcoming under voluntarism. Consequently compulsion became necessary. And it is to the everlasting credit of the Canadian Prime Minister that when it became necessary he did not hesitate to apply it.

EARL GREY.

Canadians received the news of the death of Earl Grey, former Governor General of Canada, with a sense of deep personal loss. While the Lord of Rideau Hall he was in intimate touch with all things Canadian and this close association proved of great value to this country both during his residence here and after his return to England. He was a man of enthusiasm, ability, tact and courtesy—one of those true English gentlemen for whom Canadians hold a real affection. In his death Britain's greatest Dominion has lost a real friend.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

This from the *Crutcher Times*: "On one or two mornings recently, while the wind has been hanging in the south, the southeast, or the southwest, early risers have noticed something closely resembling an almost imperceptible mist coming in from the bay and having a tendency to shield the city from the direct rays of the autumn sun."

After digesting the foregoing spasm-thoughtless citizens might assume that our Canterbury street contemporary was attempting to tell them that St. John was fog-bound. Such is not the case. The "mist" the sage of Canterbury street refers to is merely the reflection of his editorial mind. Things have been happening at Ottawa. Mr. Pugsley has been saying things which the *Times* cannot approve for fear of running contra to the great mass of opinion in St. John, and dare not condemn for fear of offending "the box office." Hence the hint of which he complains.

WHAT PROVINCE PAYS FOR MR. CARTER'S SERVICES

He Draws \$2,500 Per Year for Valley Railway Job with Very Little Work—A "Businesslike" Arrangement—Other Easy Money Jobs.

During the recent session of the legislature members of the government displayed unusually close attention to the amount of salary being paid to E. S. Carter for holding down the job of secretary to the Valley Railway Commission. It was stated that Mr. Carter, who occupies his valuable time in various ways, is drawing in salary for this job twenty-five hundred dollars a year. He has been doing this for some time while the other members of the office staff do the work. About all the so-called secretary has to do, to hold his job, is to see that the party organization is kept alive.

But E. S. Carter is not the only one now making money at the expense of the people in the assembly. In order to run this office economically, the secretary quite recently decided to reduce the staff salaries by dismissing the accountant who was getting seventy dollars a month and to replace him with a woman. This was done. A young lady, daughter of the secretary, was appointed to the job. But she gets seventy-five dollars a month, or five dollars more than the dismissed accountant. There is a little matter of a thousand dollars still to be cleared up. It was advanced to E. S. Carter ostensibly as an emergency fund to pay incidental items for which cash was required. The Standard has been unable to learn that in the months which have passed since that advance was made any report of the expenditures or any statement covering the amount has been submitted. But twenty-five hundred a year for E. S. Carter.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Melvin B. Dunn is spending some weeks with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dunn. Miss Jean Wathen is spending the summer holidays at her home here. Mr. Robert Saulnier and wife who have been visiting friends in Nova Scotia for the past month, have returned home.

Miss Doris Buckley of Newcastle is spending the summer holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Buckley. Miss Marion J. Dunn left on the Maritime Tuesday for Winnipeg where she expects to spend some months. Mr. D. S. MacNeil of Sackville, N. B., is visiting at her home here.

Mr. F. Burkholder and wife have been visiting for some weeks at the home of Mr. Leslie J. Wathen, Mr. Burkholder's father. Mr. Burkholder returned this week to his home in Portage La Proulx, N. B. Burkholder will remain a few weeks longer with her parents before returning west.

Miss Jessie P. Dunn, of Dalhousie Junction, N. B., spent a day last week at the home of her brother, S. M. Dunn, Harcourt. Miss W. W. is the guest of Miss Jennie Wathen at her home here. Miss M. Beatrice Saulnier, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt at Campbellton, has returned home. Mr. John L. Wathen and wife have returned home from a two weeks' motor tour of Westernland and Kent counties.

Miss Dorothy P. Dunn of Winnipeg teaching staff, who has recently been visiting relatives and friends at Harcourt, B. C., and Vancouver, B. C., has returned to her home in Harcourt to spend a few months with her parents. Dr. James McK. Wathen, who has been visiting his father, Mr. James N. Wathen, has returned to Montreal, accompanied by his sister, Miss Margaret.

Miss Aithia Wathen of the Provincial Normal School staff, Fredericton, is spending a few weeks at her home in Harcourt. Miss Edna Mitchell of Sydney is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Ward. Miss F. Wellwood and children are visiting at the home of Mr. Robert Wellwood, her husband's father.

Mrs. MacDonald, who has been spending some weeks with her sister, Miss M. Buckley, has returned to her home in New Glasgow, N. S. H. P. Ward and family have returned to their home at Jacquet River, N. B., having spent two weeks at the home of Mr. Ward's parents here. Among those from Harcourt who have visited Montreal this week are: Mr. John L. Wathen and wife, Mrs. H. G. Fairbanks, Miss D. P. Dunn, Miss M. E. Saulnier.

Miss Cummings, recent guest of Station Master and Mrs. G. P. Ward, has returned to her home in Moncton, N. B. Mr. Robert L. Lennox of Moncton, N. B., spent Wednesday at the home of his niece, Mrs. E. M. Dunn. Mr. Frank M. Ward returns to Campbellton today having spent the past three weeks with his parents here.

Miss Elizabeth Stebbings of Sackville, N. B., is visiting her brother, Rev. Charles Stebbings at the parsonage. Messrs. S. M. and M. B. Dunn spent Sunday at their home in Harcourt.

HOPWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Aug. 27.—Dr. S. C. Murray and family are spending a week in Hopewell, N. B. Prescott Walton, who has been working in Portland, Me., is spending a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. H. Walton.

Little Benny's Note Book.

Ma was reading the paper last night, and all of a sudden she said to pop, listen to this advertisement, don't you think this would be nice for Benny? Listen. Boy wanted for the summer to run errands and make himself generally useful. Address Box 407.

The very thing, said pop. As the old proverb says, All vacation and no work makes Jack a lazy Turk. But G. wisa, pop, its to hot to run errands and make myself generally useful, I sed.

Its never to hot to make yourself generally useful, take a lesson from the electric fan, said pop. It wood do you a world of good to have a real job for a little while, now you just compose your thaws and vite a nice letter applying for the position.

Aw, G. pop, I sed. Youll find writing materials rite there in the desk, said pop. Wich I sed down at the desk and started to rite it, taking a long wile, this being it:

Dear Sir, Having saw your advertisement in the paper and not wanting to work very much, I anser it anyhow by request. I woodent mind a position starting at half past 8 in the morning or maybe later, and about 4 errands a day with car fare, wich I cood keep it if I felt like wawking. I am a brite boy 9 years of age. Respectfully, Benny Potts. Heer it is, pop, I sed. And I handed it to him, and pop red it, saying, Shades of the eryl Romans, youre a brite boy, as you say. And he tore it up, saying, Some uther summr.

Yes sir, I sed. And I went out and got in a game of primers baas.

ing in Portland, Me., is spending a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. H. Walton.

Miss Laura Bray, Moncton, is spending a few days at the home of G. M. R. Mrs. W. K. Gross and family are spending a couple of weeks here at her old home.

The public schools re-opened today with the following teachers in the different districts: Hopewell Cape, Miss Margarette Jones and Miss Helen Turner; Albert Mines, Miss Gertrude McDonald and Miss Daisy Allen; Curryville, Letitia Downey; Shenstone, Miss Nina Steeves; Chemical Road, Miss Hannah Beaumont; Hopewell Hill, Mrs. Kelly and Miss Julia Brewster; Harvey, Misses Laura Tingley and Iva Newcomb, while the staff at the Riverside-Albert Consolidated School will be made up with L. P. Hetherington, principal; Miss Eileen Turner, vice-principal; Miss Muriel Barbour, grades seven and eight, Miss Millican grades five and six and manual training; Miss Muriel Turner, grades three and four; Miss Bessie Smith, grades one and two.

Mr. Joseph Robinson will be the new principal of the Hillsboro school; Milford, Fillmore grades seven and eight; Beatrice Steeves, grades five and six. Misses Bertha and Clara Lauder of Albert Mines have returned to their home after a week's visit with their cousin, Miss Madeline Richardson. Miss Ethel Ewell of Harvey has left for Boston to spend the winter. Miss Ewell was in charge of the primary at Hopewell Cape last term. Miss Mina Stiles, former principal of the Surrey school will teach in Kingston, Ont., for the coming year, having left this week to take up her work there. Miss Naomi Steeves will have charge of the Surrey schools.

Mrs. Mary Hayward and three children of Ottawa have returned to their home after a pleasant visit with her parents, Conductor and Mrs. A. T. Byrnie, Albert. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dodge Moore and son returned to Boston on Friday having made the trip here for the West-Byrnie wedding. Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, Moncton are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Russell. Mr. G. W. Newcomb and daughter Emma are spending the week-end at Hebron and Alma. At the last session of Golden Rule Division on Tuesday evening a handsome mahogany tray and brass kettle were presented Miss Mary E. Archibald on the occasion of her marriage by the worthy patriarch, Miss Nellie Newcomb.

Mrs. Orestes Steeves and daughter, Miss Lottie, who have been the guests of Mrs. Josiah MacRae for nearly two weeks, left this morning for Hillsboro. Miss Steeves expects to leave shortly on an extensive trip to Toronto and Quebec and other cities. Miss Margaret Archibald returned to Sussex this morning to resume teaching on the Sussex staff after spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Archibald.

Water and Sewerage Dept.

Today the Commissioner of water and sewerage, and the engineer, will go over the route of the new main to be laid at Lake Latimer, and the final layout will be arranged. The plans and specifications will then be prepared and the commissioner expects to call for tenders some time next week. It is his intention to push this work to completion just as rapidly as possible.

The commissioner said last night that another forward should be the Lancoster extension finished, as good progress was being made in the rock cutting at Moore's Hill. He is planning on making the cross connection with the 12 inch concrete main near Manchester's and with the old 24 inch main near Barnhill's Corner on Saturday.

He said he hoped to soon have the

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WEDDINGS

Leo-Boyd. The marriage of Arthur R. Lee of St. John, N. B., to Miss G. Boyce of Ottawa, was celebrated at St. Barnabas' church, Ottawa.