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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.

POLITICS AND PREFERENCE.

In the appointment of officers to the battalions going from Canada to the battle lines of the Empire, Sir Sam Hughes, K. C. B., has not considered the political allegiance of applicants for commissions. Military fitness and ability to satisfactorily perform the duties assigned to them have been the sole qualifications for office, and appointments have been made on no ground other than merit.

This being the case it is most unfortunate to find the Telegraph joining in the Halifax Chronicle in a miserable attempt to create the impression that supporters of the Government are being favored in the matter of commissions. The Chronicle cites the case of one officer recently appointed to the 55th, who is unit, in the Chronicle's eyes, because he was an organizer for the Conservative party. Whether the Chronicle states the case correctly we will not pretend to say, but if that newspaper is no nearer to the truth in this, than in most things, there is ground for suspicion.

It is surprising, however, in light of the facts, that the Telegraph, of all papers should attempt to raise a similar cry in this city when it must know that political considerations have cut no figure whatever in the appointments of officers from New Brunswick. In the 26th, for instance, the officer commanding, Colonel James L. McAvity, is a relative of one of the owners of the Telegraph, and has always been a Liberal. Major A. E. G. MacKenzie, also with the 26th, was a defeated Liberal candidate in Restigouche county, but the Minister of Militia did not permit that to overshadow his military qualifications for the position. Captain Dunfield, since promoted to the rank of Major, was an employee of the firm of T. McAvity & Sons, and a Liberal, and if we pass down the ranks to the junior officers it will be found that Liberals and Conservatives alike have answered the call to service and have received commissions without regard to their politics.

In other units the record is the same. No question of politics has ever been raised, and if the Telegraph desires first hand evidence of this it might be obtained from a gentleman recently honored with the appointment of chaplain in a Highland regiment being raised in Montreal, and who for some years was a valued contributor to the editorial columns of that newspaper. Yet while that fact might be urged against him in some quarters it evidently did not stand in his way in the achievement of his praiseworthy desire to serve his country.

Let it be distinctly understood that The Standard does not believe that any officer, no matter what his politics, would, for one minute, intimate that political influence was responsible for his performance. Men who offer for the defence of their country are above such thoughts. It remains for the retail minds in control of the Telegraph and Halifax Chronicle to attempt to make a political question out of such a serious matter, and to them we leave it.

THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

Yesterday's efforts in the campaign for men for the New Brunswick units resulted in the signing of sixteen recruits. Not a wonderful record, but satisfactory so long as it is continued. The success recently attending the Allied arms will, it is expected, have a stimulating effect in this province, as previous pronounced successes or serious reverses served to bring the call for men more vividly before those it is desired to reach.

If the gains made by the British and French troops are not to be eventually converted into losses the supply of men must be kept pouring steadily forward to the battle lines. Now, more than ever, it is necessary to secure an army of sufficient size to overwhelm the enemy by its numerical strength and fighting quality. In New Brunswick the securing of men has been a slower process than in the larger provinces. This is due to the fact that there is not the same proportion of military men, and a comparatively

small British born population. Men who now leave this province to do the King's uniform do so because they believe it their duty and they are willing to make sacrifices in order to discharge that duty.

This being so, and with the probability that before this war is over New Brunswick will be called upon to raise battalions in addition to those already raised, or authorized, is it quite wise to encourage young men from this province to enlist in units being secured in other parts of Canada? Already a large number of New Brunswickers have joined the colors in various units from the west. In such cases their action was justifiable as they had moved to the west and answered the call as it came to them in the place of their adoption. But is it advisable that recruiting should be carried on in this province for regiments to be raised in Quebec or Ontario? The young men of New Brunswick should enlist in the units being raised in their own province, then, after this province has done its share, there can be no objection to any who wish to enroll with units elsewhere. To the men of New Brunswick the province of their birth should come first.

MR. HAZEN ONCE MORE.

Once more has Hon. J. D. Hazen given evidence of the energy and ability with which he is working in the interests of the City of St. John and the Province of New Brunswick. Yesterday it was the privilege of The Standard to chronicle the success attending his efforts to secure needed warehouse accommodation on the west side. Today it is announced that he has succeeded in arranging to continue the important work of development in Bathurst Harbor.

The Government had previously undertaken to dredge that harbor to a depth where ocean steamers could be cared for and much work had been done. During the past summer, however, it was found necessary to suspend operations as the appropriation had been exhausted. As the work was of the utmost importance to Bathurst and the large industries located there, representations were made to Hon. Mr. Hazen and last night a wire from Ottawa conveyed the information that he had arranged for its continuance. Bathurst is rapidly reaching a position of much importance in the province. During the Liberal regime, although represented by a supporter of the Laurier government, and still so represented, it was found impossible to get harbor work done. Since the return of the Conservative party and the acceptance by Hon. Mr. Hazen of a portfolio in the Borden cabinet the needs of the port have been properly attended to.

And now an important British victory in Mesopotamia. Passing days bring to the Turks additional reasons for regret that they listened to the arguments of the Hun alliance and thus paved the way for their elimination.

A Paris report has it that Bulgaria will enter the war on the side of Germany on October 15th. There may be significance in the fact that the date falls on a Friday.

The Times is silent regarding war profits. Why? Did the suggested source of information come too near home?

And it is noticed that the Times has lost all desire to compare the achievements of Hon. J. D. Hazen and Dr. Pugsley.

Also the subject of "overdrafts" no longer interests that newspaper.

A Profane Joker.
(Correspondent Scotch Paper.)
All English battalions were recently warned to keep a careful watch for any contrivances which the Germans might use with the object of producing poisonous gases. Shortly afterward a certain regiment on taking over some trenches found an old baggage left in the lines. At once the colonel who possessed a rare sense of humor, sent the following message to brigade headquarters:
"A weird instrument has just been discovered in my trenches; it is believed to be used for producing a phyziating noises."

ST. STEPHEN MAN

HIT BY TRAIN AND KILLED

Over nine hundred dollars savings of lifetime, found in his pocket.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 29.—Patrick McDermott, an aged resident of this town, was almost instantly killed in the C. P. R. yard here this afternoon. The express due at 10:25 was coming up the yards and running at about eight miles an hour, when the driver, Fred Purton, saw a man walking along a path between the main line and a siding and close to the main line on which his train was running. When the train was about forty feet from the man he suddenly stepped in front of the engine. The emergency brakes were at once applied for the man to escape. He was struck by the "knuckle" of the engine and thrown to one side, his head being crushed and his left leg broken. The victim who was seventy-eight years old, was quite hard of hearing and had only one eye. Life was almost extinct when the trainmen and others reached him.

Coroner Main held an inquest this evening, the jury returning a verdict of accidental death and exonerating the trainmen from blame. Mr. McDermott was a native of Ireland but had lived in St. Stephen for many years. He was an industrious citizen and was greatly respected.

At the time of the failure of the St. Stephen's Bank he had about \$700 on deposit there and since that time had had but little faith in banks. In the clothes he wore today was found \$500, the savings of a lifetime of industrious toil. He is survived by his aged partner in life, one daughter, Mrs. Charles Kelley of St. Stephen, and two sons, Michael, of Boston, and Thomas, of this town.

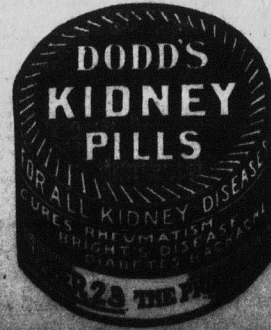
THREE DEATHS FROM TYPHOID EVIDENT AT DORCHESTER

Special to The Standard.
Dorchester, Sept. 29.—The members of the county board of health after consultation with Dr. Dunlop, bacteriologist, of St. John, have officially declared the disease in Dorchester which has assumed the proportions of an epidemic to be typhoid fever. Thirty-eight cases have been reported and three deaths have already occurred. Inoculation was advised at a mass meeting in the county court house here today, and unanimously approved by the citizens. All the public schools have been closed by order of the county board of health.

A registration committee has been appointed to tabulate all cases. W. Chapman, who has been appointed local health officer to act in conjunction with the county board. The situation here is regarded as serious.

J. Percy Foster, whose death occurred here on Wednesday morning, was the third victim of typhoid fever, deceased, in Dorchester. The now so prevalent chief trade instructor on the prison staff here was forty-one years of age. He was first appointed to the prison service in 1889. He retired from the service about six years ago and was re-appointed in April, 1912. He served in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, and was transferred to Dorchester in July, 1914. Mr. Foster is survived by his widow and two daughters. The body will be taken to Montreal tomorrow for interment. Much regret has been expressed at the passing away of Mr. Foster, a comparatively early age. The entire prison staff and the townspeople are sincerely mourning his death.

Very Successful Tea.
The friends of the Main Street Red Cross Branch, Mrs. Peter McIntyre, president, turned out in force on Tuesday evening, and crowded the vestry of the Main street Baptist church from 6 to 8 o'clock. The supper tables were in charge of Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. Angus McLean, Mrs. Harry S. Batarrocks and Mrs. Howard Crabbe. Excellent meals were provided and were promptly served by a number of attractive and efficient young ladies. Mrs. Joseph McAlary had charge of the candy table and did a thriving business. The committee of management, Mrs. Robt. Burke, Mrs. Ed. Cowan and Mrs. Bennett Wilson, were kept busy supervising the entertainment.



Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

I calm in the back way yesterday afternoon and I went throo the kitchen and there was a big coconut pie awn the tabl, beeing my favorite kind next to lommim merrang, and noboddy was in the kitchen except me and the pie, and pritty soon there was noboddy there except me and 3 quartins of the pie, and aftr a wile ma calm down and saw wat was left of the pie and wen pop calm hoam she told him and he sed, Benny, are you prepared for 10 lashes with my hardest slippir.

No sir, it was a accidnt, I sed.
Well, sed pop, as the lady remarked wen she slapped her toy poodil awn the rist, Justice above awl things, and if you can prove to me that you ravished that defentless pie by accidnt, I shall be ony to happy to set you free with the blessing of the court, perseed.

Well, I sed, I calm in the back way, and insted of going up the side yard I went throo the kitchen by accidnt.

No sir, I sed, the pie mite of bin in the ice box or sumwars, but insted of that it was awn the kitchen tabl by accidnt.

Are you throo, sed pop.
No sir, I sed, if I had went in throo the side yard I woodnt of saw the pie by accidnt, and me and the pie both beebn there by accidnt, the hole thing was a big accidnt.

That's yure case case, is it, sed pop.
Yes sir, I sed.

The jury declares you gilty without finding it necessary to retire, follo me, sed pop.

Wich I did.

PLANS FOR RESERVE MILITIA IN CANADA ABOUT COMPLETED

With Home Guards Will Become a Useful Part of Military System of the Dominion

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 27. — In the four weeks ending September 11th there were 13,608 recruits enlisted in five out of nine of the military divisions. The Toronto district is not included.

The Canadian reserve force has now taken definite shape and it is confidently anticipated that this force, in alliance with home guards all over Canada will speedily become a very useful part of the military system of the country. No public moneys will be expended on them, although like the home guards, these men are taking an active part in drilling troops and freely give the benefit of their experience and knowledge to the country.

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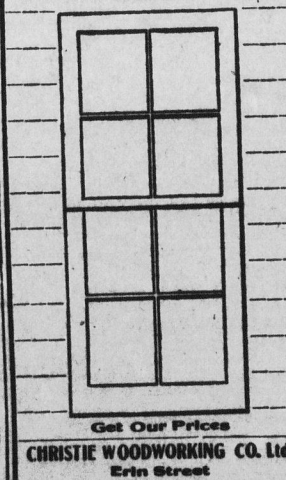
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