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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.

## A GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

When Hon. James A. Murray became Commissioner of Agriculture in the Provincial Government he was made the subject of cheap ridicule by the Telegraph. On Friday, Mr. Murray was able to present to the Government the report of the work done by his department during the past year, and it is not too much to say that a more satisfactory record was never made by any department of any administration in this province.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture got its first impetus from Hon. Dr. Landry, who went into that office after the Hazen Government came into power in 1908, with the intention of making the department of some use to the farmers of the province. During the 1908 election campaign the agricultural policy of the late government was subjected to more than a little criticism and the Telegraph, itself, took occasion to remark that it was not in the interests of the farmers. After the change of government, when Dr. Landry took charge, he was successful from the first and when he left the department it was doing a valuable work. It has been the privilege of Hon. Mr. Murray to develop this work to even greater usefulness until today New Brunswick can proudly boast of one of the most up-to-date agricultural departments in the Dominion of Canada.

It has been the policy of the department to instruct the farmer how to get the best results from the portion of land he has cultivated and in this it has been markedly successful. It is interesting to note that although the acreage under cultivation decreased during the past four years the value of the farm output is materially greater. In 1910 the value of the farm output in this province was estimated at \$12,000,000 while in 1914 it reached the total of about \$20,000,000. As the average advance in prices of farm products in the same time has not been greater than 25 per cent., it cannot be claimed that the gain in the value of farm products can be ascribed to the higher cost of living.

The Department has also done splendid work along the lines of agricultural education. Formerly, if a resident of this province desired to get instruction in agriculture it was necessary for him to go to another province but now New Brunswick has two first-class agricultural schools which are being successfully conducted, and doing a very valuable work.

Agriculture is the foundation of all industry and all progress and the Government is wise in its recognition of this fact. With a contented and prosperous rural population there will be greater prosperity in the cities and towns of the province and, consequently, money expended on the development of agriculture and the improvement of conditions for the farmer are decidedly in the best interests of all residents of New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Murray and the officials associated with him are to be congratulated on the particularly successful work of the agricultural department during the past twelve months.

## ALWAYS WORKING FOR ST. JOHN.

The announcement published this morning that the 55th Battalion will be mobilized in St. John, and that arrangements to this effect were made some weeks ago by Hon. J. D. Hazen, affords additional evidence that this city has a real representative at Ottawa, who, although one of the busiest men in the Government, never finds pressure on his time so great as to prevent him from obtaining benefit for St. John whenever possible.

Mr. Hazen was but a short time in Ottawa when evidence of his influence in the Government and zeal for this port was forthcoming. It is Mr. Hazen, St. John can thank for the completion of necessary harbor works, for the establishment of the marine depot here, for the building, by the Government, of the grain conveyors for the C.P.R. elevator and the provision of other facilities to assist St. John in handling the trade of Canada. It is Mr. Hazen the members of the St. John Board of Trade can thank for securing the vote for the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island, which

work, by the way, Mr. Pugsley attempted to have postponed.

Since the Empire war commenced Mr. Hazen has secured for St. John much business arising from that war. Through his activity this port, for some weeks, profited by the shipment of remounts for the Imperial army and local manufacturers benefited in no small degree by securing contracts for war materials. He was largely responsible for securing the mobilization here of the 26th Battalion and other military units, and now he has succeeded in having St. John selected as the mobilization point for the 55th, a New Brunswick battalion which will be next to recruit, and which will likely spend some months in the city. To Hon. J. D. Hazen is due the thanks of every citizen interested in St. John.

## DOES SIR WILFRID REMEMBER?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the budget debate attempted to pose as the friend of Great Britain by contending that the new schedule of duties struck a disloyal blow at the British exporter. Sir Wilfrid's conversion may be based on what appear to him to be sound economic reasons, or, again, as suggested by the Finance Minister, may spring from remorse. Mr. White in referring to Sir Wilfrid's tariff amendment had this to say:

"Let me ask my right hon. friend Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if there is anything on his heart, or his conscience, that induces him to move this amendment? I would ask my right hon. friend to take the drama of Macbeth and refer to the sleep-walking scene in the fifth act, in which Lady Macbeth, looking upon the dead stained with the blood of King Duncan says, 'All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.' My right hon. friend the Prime Minister, acting upon the present advice of the Admiralty two years ago introduced into this House the Naval Aid Bill, whose purpose was to assist in the naval defence of the Empire. My right hon. friend the leader of the opposition obstructed and killed that bill. I say to him now, I say it with great respect, I say it without any imputation except upon his statesmanship—certainly not upon his loyalty—that all the amendments, whether relating to the British preference or otherwise that he may move now or at any other time, will never obliterate the memory of the action which he took in connection with the Naval Aid Bill."

In the course of an editorial referring to Mr. J. L. Stewart, the "independent" representative of Northumberland county, the Telegraph remarks "It is more likely that Mr. Stewart will persist in the attitude of independent critic, and if he does so the results will be interesting." It was some of Mr. Stewart's "independent" criticism that set in motion the processes culminating in his labored attempt to explain some of the things he had been reported as saying regarding the "bought and paid for" editorial fulminations of the Telegraph. The Telegraph itself, is in the best position to know just how "interesting" he was, and how truthful as well.

Conservative newspapers in the Province of New Brunswick, from time to time, have had some things to say of Mr. Alphabet Copp, one time leader of the Provincial Opposition, who is temporarily located in Ottawa but the most severe criticism to which they subjected him is surpassed by a Montreal publication which refers to him as a "sort of cereal substitute" for the late H. R. Emmerson. In other words, Mr. Copp appears to that Montreal editor as something of a breakfast food.

An exchange, independent in politics, intimates that there may be a Dominion election this summer and suggests the following as a battle song for the Liberal party: "We don't want to fight, but by jingo if we do; we stopped the ships, we nearly stopped the men, and we'd stop the money, too."

There are two subjects upon which the editor of the Telegraph must maintain a deep silence—at least until another change of paymasters occurs in the office of that newspaper. One is a squid, and the other Mr. Carvell's opinion

of General French and the Canadian Militia.

Appropos of some recent remarks by Mr. Pugsley, Beck's Weekly says: "Down in New Brunswick a political rake-off, such as that connected with a sawdust wharf, is now known as a squid pro quo."

## "A GENERAL BY THE NAME OF FRENCH"

(London Free Press)

Two years ago, in the Canadian House of Commons, F. B. Carvell, Liberal member from New Brunswick, made an attack upon the military character and worth of Sir John French. The great British soldier who is standing today between the Empire and defeat, who is bearing the brunt of the most terrific conflict the world has ever witnessed, was the subject almost of revilement by the Laurier henchman.

Yesterday in the House of Commons Carvell's voice was raised again. This time he was assisting in the effort to overthrow the Canadian war tariff, the result of which would be to immediately affect the sending of troops from Canada. It could hardly have been surprising to his fellow-members to find Carvell in this role. The attack upon Gen. French is not forgotten. These were Carvell's words:

"The principal cause of the trouble with the minister (Col. Hughes) and his top-heavy militia is the report of a general by the name of French, who came to this country some years ago, and in my judgment, his visit was one of the greatest misfortunes that has befallen Canada."

"I told the minister of militia publicly and privately that in adopting the ridiculous and unreasonable report made by this gentleman (Gen. French) he had committed a great mistake. His (Gen. French's) ideas are ridiculous."

"This 'general by the name of French' had already won glory for British arms. It was Gen. French who came to the relief of Kimberley, and who gave such brilliant service with Gen. Buller. Mr. Carvell, the Maritime Province lawyer, established himself as the critic of the general, but in what position would the British Empire be placed if it were to depend upon the military strategy of the Lawyer Carvell?"

## CARVELL WRONG AGAIN

(London Free Press)

Mr. Carvell says the Canadian dreadnoughts voted by the House of Commons and held up by the Laurierized Senate would not have been ready for use in this war. Hasn't the British navy produced a whole bevy of super-dreadnoughts since the war began, whose keels were laid down after the Senate puts its veto upon the naval bill?"

## DARING BURGLAR AT HOPEWELL HILL GOT LITTLE FOR HIS TROUBLE

Broke into Post Office but money had been removed to Postmaster's home—Authorities have clue.

Special to The Standard

Albert, N. B., Mar. 21.—For the third time within as many years the post office at Hopewell Hill was burglarized early Saturday morning. The break was particularly a bold one, a large pane of glass being removed from a window some five feet from the ground. The window was within twenty feet of the main street, within fifty feet of the local hotel and in plain view of the dwelling house of Geo. W. Newcombe, about hundred feet away. No money was obtained as the cash had been removed and taken to the home of the postmaster, who is ill at his residence, and the mail bag which had been done up late that night containing over ninety dollars had also been removed from the office for safety. An important clue obtained by the local authorities point to the presence of at least two persons taking part in the robbery. Only the money order book containing fifty-one blanks has been missed as yet and this may prove the undoing of the guilty party.

A pall of mixed candy, containing about forty pounds, was stolen from the Hillsborough railway station, it having been put off the down train and put in the freight room which was left open.

At least five such breaks have occurred at Hopewell Hill in the last four years.

An inquest was held Saturday afternoon on the remains of John Jensen, the second victim of the West River mill explosion. The verdict was the same as in the McQuaid case, that the deceased came to his death by being killed by explosion of one of the boilers in the mill of C. E. White & Son at West River, the cause of the explosion is unknown.

## "C. P. R." NICKNAME GIVEN BIG SHELLS BY CANADIANS

London, March 19.—An interesting glimpse of the life of the Canadians at the front is given in a letter just to hand from a private in the 16th Battalion, who, writing on March 11, tells of the news of the Neuve Chapelle victory having just been received. "Cheers broke out all along the line," he says. "We are not at the Dar-

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

Mother, I think I'll take you to the theatre tomorrow night, pop, sed to me after supper today.

WY, Willyum, this is a surprise, sed ma. If it wasn't for serpriss we wood be the charm of Wagners music and Kelliepop. I think I'll take you to see The Gerls from Jingle Land, they say that's a good show, sed pop.

O, that will be just fine, sed ma, and reely, its a deliffill serpriss, because now that evrything costs so much and evrything, I didnt think you wood be abel to afford the theatre for a wile.

O, I shoold worry like a fish and get the hook, sed pop, wat do I care for expenses, Ive got plenty of them, any man that cant scrape up a few dollrs wants in bloo moon to show his wife a good time duzein deserve to be a husbind, thats the way I look at it.

Then it wood be a good thing if awl husbinds looked at it in the same way, sed ma.

It sertenly wood, sed pop, persinally, Ive got no time for the man that blows in his substance awn silk sherts and chewing gum for himself wen hes out carousing with the boys, and then finds the cant spare enuff munny to stake his wife to a show wants in a wile.

Well Im sure those senterments do you credit, sed ma.

Not a tall, not a tall, sed pop. I am meerly doing my dooty, as the honest bricklayer sed wen he refused a raise in wages.

Wich jest then the telerphone bell rang and ma went to anser it, saying Holo, holo yes, this is Pottess, yes, Ill give Mr. Potts a messidge, tell him wat, O, O, awl rite, Ill tell him, wat did you say yure naim was, very well, Ill tell him.

Wat is it, sumthing frum the orfiss, sed pop.

I dont no weathir Mr. Jennings was at the orfiss or ware he was, sed ma.

Jennings, the doose you say, sed pop, wy the mischief cant I anser my own fone calls, well wat if it was Jennings, wats the messidge.

He ses he cant get those passes for The Gerls frum Jingle Land that he promised you, sed ma.

Heck, sed pop.

Well, duz that mean I dont go to the theatre tomorrow nitte with my extravagent husbind, sed ma.

It means that we go to the theatre jest the same, or even moar so, if possibel, sed pop, wat do you say to a nice evening of moving pictures, we will show old Jennings how much we care for him by taking in a half duzein shows instead of wun.

O well, I havent bin to the mooves for sum time, sed ma.

Can I go with you, pop, can I go with you ma, I sed. Wich Im going with them.

nelles, despite what the London papers say. We started from our billets one evening, marched six miles in the snow, and arrived safe at our destination. Next morning we had orders to fire, I cannot tell how many rounds, but there was an awful lot of empty shells around.

The noise was deafening. The big shells are called "C. P. R." because they remind us of the trains.

The enemies trenches are only fifty yards away, so we called across. One of them shouted, "Canadians! what time," and they asked one of our fellows if he would like to be back in Granville street, Vancouver. They seem to know exactly where every one is.

Last night we heard that our battalion casualties to date were seven killed and five wounded.

Rev. Owen S. Watkins, London correspondent of the Christian Guardian, of Toronto, who is doing chaplain's duty with a field ambulance, tells of a narrow escape from death. "After a temporary leave," he reported, "I got back just in time to see the village we were living in brought about our ears. Our hospital was wrecked by high explosives, and the wonder is that any of us were left alive. We had one officer wounded. Major Richards, within a few yards of me, was killed."

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