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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.

ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX

The people of Halifax appear to be somewhat perturbed over the fact that the mail steamers this year will not call at Halifax but will come to St. John direct. It is not advisable at this time to arouse local differences or to revive the old dispute as to the comparative merits of St. John and Halifax, but it may be recalled that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is already on record as stating that if his company could do so they would prefer to have only one Canadian winter port and that port St. John. It may also be recalled that under the old contract Halifax was specified as the mail port. Under the new contract, now in force, Hon. J. D. Hazen succeeded in securing recognition for the policy of the open door, leaving the steamship companies free to select their own port. Apparently they have done so far as the C. P. R. and Allan lines are concerned at any rate.

It may also be remembered by some that, when a couple of winters ago, it appeared for a time as if Halifax might get all the mail business and St. John none of it. Certain citizens at once got busy, the Board of Trade interested itself in an agitation in support of what it characterized as the claims of St. John. Mass meetings were held in the old Mechanics' Institute at which Hon. Mr. Hazen and the Government came in for some rather severe criticism; at the same time the Telegraph and Times filled their columns with condemnation of the Minister of Marine for what they were pleased to call his neglect of this port. Now that conditions are slightly different it is presumed the Board of Trade will at once call an emergency session to draw up a resolution of thanks to Mr. Hazen, while the Telegraph and Times are also expected to unite in eulogy of him. Surely, to adopt the argument of the Telegraph of other days, this is not a case of politics but of the interests of St. John. Judged by the former occasion we may expect that newspaper to "stand up for St. John" and the men who are working in our interests. To say the least the situation is decidedly interesting.

THE CALL FOR MEN.

There is still ample opportunity for the young men who desire to serve their country to enroll in the various battalions being formed in this province and, apparently, the need is now as great as at any time since the outbreak of war. The reasons why young men should forsake all other claims and hearken to the call have been well set forth on many occasions. Their country needs their strong arms and their willing service. But is there not an advantage to the men themselves in not remaining deaf to the appeal?

Mr. Harry Lauder, the eminent Scottish entertainer, touched briefly on this phase of the question in excellent little recruiting addresses which he delivered yesterday during his entertainments in the Imperial Theatre. After advising any young men in the audience who had not yet decided to enlist to hesitate no longer, Mr. Lauder said, "If you do not go you will regret it at least once, boys. Some of you may in years to come have a grandchild climbing on your knee, and that child may ask you 'how old are you, Grandpa?' Your mind will go back to those times and you will say, 'I was nineteen or twenty-two in the year of the European war.' Then, if that grandchild should ask you, 'what did you do in that great war, Grandpa?' what will you reply?"

Mr. Lauder's point was ably emphasized by Rev. J. C. Berris at one of the recruiting meetings last evening. What will the young slackers of today say to their children or grandchildren who ask them why when their country needed them they did not do the khaki like men and go forth to do the duty of the hour? What will the answer be? Will it be such an answer as to increase the love and respect that the child will bear? Or will the aged men of that day hang their heads in shame and confess that they were recreant when the test of manhood came? The young men of today have it in their power to make that answer what they will. The opportunity is

still open; the call is still being made and it should not be neglected.

TODAY AND 1805.

Some English newspapers are making comparisons between the condition of things in Britain now and that which existed at the time of the death of William Pitt, to whom it is claimed Europe chiefly owed its deliverance from Napoleon. Such papers are pointing out that unjust attacks killed Pitt and delayed the final overthrow of the forces of despotism, and they are inclined to the belief that in the present day there is some danger that the mistakes of 1805 may be repeated, if this does not intervene. In the columns of the London Times Lord Sydenham has recently drawn an interesting analogy:

"To Pitt, dying three months after Trafalgar, he writes, the outlook appeared to be veiled in gloom. His plans had failed, and Napoleon appeared to be launched on a long career of military conquest. Allies were to drop away, and after the Treaty of Tilsit, England stood practically alone, undauntedly facing the conqueror. Yet an impartial historian is able to decide that the crisis was already over. In Mahan's words: 'As the helm escaped his dying hands, all seemed lost; but in truth the worst was past. The pilot had weathered the storm.'"

"We have no Pitt in our hour of need; but the small nation of 17 millions which led Europe in the mighty conflict with Napoleon has grown into an Empire united in upholding human liberty against coldly premeditated aggression. Gallant and staunch Allies now stand by our side and are giving their best in the fight for freedom. If we are true to our own past; if we show the patience and the 'exclusiveness and constancy of purpose' which Nelson taught us, sparing no sacrifice and sinking all differences in a shared national effort, then the cloud will assuredly pass, and in God's time the right will prevail. Hope, founded on fortitude, endurance, unity, and the consciousness of a righteous cause, is the inspiration which we may draw from the analyzing memories that cluster thickly round Trafalgar Day."

The readers of the Times have special need of having this lesson from the past drawn for them. Lord Sydenham says, declares an English exchange, that we have no Pitt today. It is true that we have no one man who stands out in the present crisis as he did a century ago. The responsibilities of statesmanship are now more divided—fortunately as it will probably appear to the historian—but there is just as much reason why we should trust those who are conducting the war on our behalf as there was for trusting Pitt.

After less than sixteen months of war, Germany has infinitely less chance of succeeding in its purpose than Napoleon had when Pitt's political enemies sent him to a premature grave. Future commentators on the war will see clearly that with the close of the summer of 1915 the worst was past, and if Britishers of today do not make the mistake that those of the first years of the last century did and interfere with the steady, ordered march of sound policy we shall not have to wait long before its full results are apparent. This does not mean that strenuous effort is not still the order of the day. But the right kind of effort was never made in an atmosphere of ignorance and panic.

In Marsh Creek. County Policeman Saunders had his hands full last night near the Three Mile House, when he arrested Charles O'Dell and his wife Jane, for being drunk and using profane language. The policeman came across the couple about eight o'clock and managed to pile them into a wagon in an endeavor to get them away to their home, but shortly afterwards he found Jane walking in the creek with the water up to her waist. Mrs. O'Dell is a woman who weighs in the vicinity of two hundred and the officer's task was not an easy one in landing her out on the road. From that time until nearly eleven o'clock he was in trouble holding the couple until he could get word into police headquarters, and when this was accomplished the patrol wagon with a couple of policemen were sent out the road and the two prisoners were brought into the city and locked up. They will be tried in the court at Brookville before Magistrate Adams. The prisoners are no strangers in police circles, having been arrested on former occasions.

HARRY LAUDER HIT OF THEATRE SEASON HERE

Famous comedian and supporting company give excellent performance at Imperial.

The hundreds of St. John people who yesterday afternoon and evening took advantage of the exceptional opportunity to enjoy the talent of the inimitable Harry Lauder, had a treat which they will not forget for many days. In the way of amusements Mr. Lauder's engagement is an occasion to date time from, and every one of those who heard and saw him yesterday will echo his own wish that his first visit may not also prove his last.

While Mr. Lauder was naturally the star of yesterday's performance, yet his supporting company in itself provided a very high class and meritorious show. Any one of the supporting acts would have been featured as headliners in the large amusement centres and to see six such features in the one bill was a noteworthy occasion indeed.

Interest was, however, focused on the star of the programme. Harry Lauder's name and fame are truly household words in all the English speaking countries. Yesterday it was the privilege of St. John theatregoers to judge for themselves whether he came up to advance representations and on that point there was but one verdict—that the entertainment provided by himself and company was far and away the finest programme ever presented to St. John audiences for many years.

Mr. Lauder was generous. He occupied the stage for fully an hour and a half at each performance and in that time he sang five or six of his songs and told stories as only Harry Lauder can tell them. His delicious accent, his wonderful facial expression, to many the most marvellous of his gifts, his droll comedy, his grotesque appearance and carefully studied make-up and last but not least the luring quality of his songs combined to delight and enthrall his audience. In his first appearance he was garbed in ludicrous military costume and wore a huge sword which proved an effective accessory to his comedy. Then he changed to a flour strewn smock as "Doughie the Baker," back again to the costume of a Highland peasant and finally to the kilt and sporran of a Highland chieftain. He told many stories and sang two of his old songs "Same as His Father Did Before Him," and the ever popular "A Wee Deuch-An-Doris," both of which were received with enthusiasm. He told many stories and sang two of his old songs "Same as His Father Did Before Him," and the ever popular "A Wee Deuch-An-Doris," both of which were received with enthusiasm. He told many stories and sang two of his old songs "Same as His Father Did Before Him," and the ever popular "A Wee Deuch-An-Doris," both of which were received with enthusiasm.

The supporting company is excellent. Albert Donnelly, billed as a silent humorist, proved to be a shadow-graphist of great ability. Dave Gienaro and Isabelle Jason presented original dance creations superior in quality to anything ever seen here before. Selwyn Driver, a piano-mono-logist, was reminiscent of Willie Freear and gave a remarkably clever and enjoyable performance, while Lucille and her cockatoo was an excellent demonstration of what patience can do in the way of training birds. The cockatoo in the act, sang, danced and gave imitations of musical instruments with remarkable accuracy.

The big act of the supporting company is the Al Golem Company of pantomimists and acrobats. This troupe composed of probably twenty men, women and children, perform marvellous feats of juggling and acrobatics in a sumptuously staged act. Space will not permit a detailed description of any of the features of the performance, but it is sufficient to say as before stated that the programme was the finest presented in this city for a long time. The Scotch pipes and the orchestra added very materially to the enjoyment of the occasion. As expected the Imperial was well filled in the afternoon, while in the evening every seat was taken. Altogether the appearance of Mr. Lauder and his fine company was an unequalled success and the eminent Scottish entertainer can now number St. John among the cities he has visited and conquered.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.
WINTER
Winter is the time of year
When everything is cold,
And the snowflakes fall on everyone,
From the youngest to the oldest.

Winter is the time of year
When a hen no longer lays,
And Christmas is either coming or over
And stay bells ring awn slays.

Winter is the time of year
When its dark before its nite,
But the sun comes out next morning,
To the little birds of the dells.

You wear gloves to keep your hands warm,
And winter shoes for your toes,
And heavy underwear for the rest of you
But how about your nose?

Its fun to make hard snowballs
And bang them at different folks,
But when you get hit with sum yourself,
Its hard to see the folks.

O winter is the time of year
When the seller is full of coal,
And if you think its cold ware you are,
Wat must it be like at the north pole?

PLAIN SPEAKING BRINGS A PRISON TERM FOR GERMAN EDITOR

London, Nov. 30.—The public prosecutor of Amsterdam, according to a Reuter despatch from that city, today demanded that a sentence of six months imprisonment be imposed upon Heer Schroeder, chief editor of the newspaper "Telegraaf" for having said in a recent article:

"There are in Central Europe a number of scoundrels who are responsible for the war."

VATICAN ANNOUNCES EPISCOPAL CHANGES IN UNITED STATES

Rome, Nov. 30.—The Right Rev. George William Mundelein, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, has been appointed archbishop of Chicago, in succession to the late Archbishop Quigley. The Right Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, now bishop of the diocese of Jaro, Philippine Islands, has been chosen as the new bishop of Buffalo.

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RECRUITING IN THE PROVINCE

Capt. L. P. D. Tilley reports on number enlisted during last five days.

At the meeting of the citizens' recruiting committee held yesterday afternoon the announcement was made that the band of the 104th Battalion would receive orders to join the unit at an early date. Captain L. P. D. Tilley, organizing recruiting officer, reported that as a result of the recruiting campaign during the past five days the following numbers of recruits had been signed on: Newcastle, 90; Dalhousie, 15; Campbellton, 90; Flatlands, 7; Bathurst, 25; Chatham, 19; a total of 247 which it was considered gave a remarkably good showing.