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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 SUBJECT FOR THOUGHT.

Of all the recruiting speakers who have addressed audiences in the City of St. John since the call for men to don the khaki was first made, Captain the Reverend Dr. Cameron, of Toronto, will appeal to his hearers as most consistently striking the correct note. Young men are not to be abused or brow-beaten into donning the King's uniform; the terms "slackers" and "shirkers" long ago lost their power. The time has come when the appeal must be made to the intellect and the conscience of the men it is desired to secure.

The case is very simple. This is Canada's war as much as it is the war of Britain or Russia or France. Victory for the Empire must be won and to the winning it is necessary that every man, whether of fighting age or not, shall contribute his best assistance. If it should happen that Germany's effort to dominate and enslave the world is crowned with success, what would be left to live for in this country? Freedom, liberty of thought and action would vanish and disappear; the comfortable circumstances under which most Canadians are able to live and work would be changed and an intolerable system of tyranny and oppression would take their place. Burdens of taxation would increase, the resources of the country would be milked dry to sustain the weight of Prussian arrogance administering this country from Berlin.

As the abiding place of liberty and equal rights Canada would cease to be, and Canadians would be forced to exchange their free institutions and their ideals for a life of servitude under the Prussian overlord.

This is the case as it would be if the Empire plans go wrong. If the sacrifice in blood and treasure which has been, and is still being poured out on the plains of France and Flanders should prove fruitless. Faced with such a possibility, remote though it may be, what is the duty of Canadian manhood? Is it not to carefully consider all phases of the case, to place on one hand the pleasures and advantages of civil life which must be given up on donning the khaki, and on the other, the condition under which we would live with Canada a German province?

The Standard would be long sorry to think that young men who have not enlisted are cowards. We prefer to believe that they are still indifferent, or that they have never followed Captain Cameron's injunction to think the thing over. If, after such thought, any physically fit young man without family ties, can convince himself that it is not his duty to join the colors, then he might as well be a German vassal for all the value he is likely to prove to himself or to his country.

If the physically fit, unmarried men of New Brunswick were to give careful consideration to this question of enlistment, to weigh the risk and hardship of military service against the intolerable conditions of life that a possible German victory would entail, there would be no necessity for recruiting agents or orators. The difficulty would be to enroll and equip the men as quickly as they would respond to the call. And the New Brunswick regiments would be filled and on their way to join those who have preceded them to Canada's first line of defence—the trenches in France and Flanders. There would be no scarcity of recruits if the men of New Brunswick would only think out the situation for themselves.

### GERMANY'S COLONIES GONE.

No matter how much longer the Kaiser's armies in Europe can continue to do their fighting outside of the Fatherland, the end of this war will see Germany's colonial empire as completely lost to her as it has never existed. In this, British arms have been strikingly successful, although at heavy cost and only after arduous effort.

The campaign in the Cameroons which has now successfully terminated, has wrested from Germany a colony almost as large as her Empire in Europe, and when its full history comes to be written it will make a tale as thrilling as any in the chronicles of the world war. The Manchester Guardian, in a lengthy review of

the campaign in that area points out that "Even the dramatic chase of De Wet by motor-cars axle-deep in sand and with radiators aboli, or the capture of Kut-el-Amara in cockleboats under a withering fire, will yield in interest to the advance in the Cameroons through jungle ten feet high, over crocodile-infested rivers, and through wildernesses where a charging rhinoceros sometimes worked more havoc on the Allies' lines than did the enemy's fire. From the number of black German troops—over fifteen thousand—who have fled to Spanish Guinea it is clear that the Germans have been able to make much more use of their natives here than in South-west Africa. But these German-trained natives have met more than their match in our Nigerian troops. For, really prodigious hardihood nothing even in savage warfare has excelled the storming by these amazing soldiers in October last of the precipitous mountain of Banyo. They climbed foot by foot up a height which the enemy thought impregnable, clambering through thorn bush in the face of Maxim fire and a rain of boulders, and turned the Germans from one of the last of their refuges in a land whose appalling natural difficulties seemed a sufficient defence. The final reduction of the colony has been a question only of time ever since our navy in the early weeks of the war, blockaded the coast and cut off the enemy's supplies of munitions. Since then French, British and Belgian forces have entered the colony from all sides and slowly squeezed the resistance out of it. It is a task which France may well take a special pleasure in having shared, for under cover of the Agadir threat of 1911 Germany added a southern extremity to her colony which cut off the French Congo from the French Sudan. There remains, of all Germany's colonial empire, only East Africa to conquer, and that should not long resist the formidable attack on it which Lieutenant General Smuts has now begun. The often-proffered consolation that the fate of her colonies will be settled in Europe must be wearing a little thin even to German ears."

### A DESPERATE RESORT.

(New York Commercial.)  
In financial circles the desperate drive by the Germans on Verdun under the eyes of the German emperor is believed to be a sign of internal trouble. Six months ago the Secretary of the German Imperial Treasury assured the Reichstag and the public that no new taxation would be imposed upon the people. From the beginning of the war until within a few weeks its cost has been paid with money borrowed from the people by an endless chain series of loans. The German Government has at last been forced to levy new taxes on war profits and property and these taxes will grow heavier and will be more widely distributed as the war drags along.

When the endless chain war loans were floated the people were told that they would not be taxed to pay either principal or interest because vast indemnities would be wrung from the vanquished foes. The people of Germany cannot escape the conclusion that the Government no longer expects an overwhelming victory with indemnities to cover the cost of war. They must pay taxes which they were told would never be levied. The Government must soon confess that the original plan of campaign has failed if no great victory can be won now that will end the war as far as France at least is concerned, hence the desperate onslaught on Verdun in the hope of upsetting the enemy's plans for a spring drive on both fronts.

German credit abroad is measured by the discount on bills of exchange on Berlin in New York and by the discount on German paper marks in Amsterdam. Her inability to finance the war with endless chain loans based on the hope of collecting indemnities from her enemies and the levying of heavy domestic taxes contrary to the assurances of the Imperial treasurer are signs of financial weakness at home. Neither a nation nor an individual can finance any operation by issuing notes or bonds to pay interest on previous issues for any great length of time.

If the crown prince can break through to Paris the war might be ended on terms satisfactory to Germany, but the Allies believe that they are growing stronger and that time fights on their side; nothing but a tremendous defeat such as the downfall of Paris or the destruction of the British fleet will cause them to meet Germany's terms and end the war next April, or any time this year, for that matter. What the Allies hope for is a breakdown of the morale of the German people when they realize that

they cannot win an offensive war. New York's financiers believe that fear of this inspired the desperate drive on Verdun as part of an attempt to reach Paris.

### SUN FIRE ASSURANCE CO.

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It is evident from the annual statement of the Sun Life of Canada for 1915, essential features of which appear elsewhere in this issue, that the big Montreal company has more than kept pace with the improvements in general business conditions evidenced throughout the year.

The Sun Life of Canada again maintained its leadership among Canadian life assurance companies in amount of new assurances issued, total assurances in force, assets, surplus and income. Assurances for \$34,783,851 were issued and paid for in cash during the past year, constituting a record for all Canadian companies to date, and bringing Sun Life assurances in force to the total of \$257,404,160. Business issued in Canada showed an increase of \$1,746,961 over the previous record for 1914. Something of the phenomenal growth of the company in recent years is indicated by the fact that assurances in force have nearly doubled in the past six years, and have more than tripled in the past eleven years.

Turning to the factors indicative of financial strength, it is noted that assets now total more than \$74,000,000, an increase of over \$10,000,000 for the year, the largest annual increase ever registered by any Canadian life company. As resources over and above these assets for the further protection and profit of its policyholders the company holds contingent fund assets of a total par value of over \$13,000,000. Net surplus over all liabilities and capital now stands at \$14,545,281, an increase for the year of over \$1,000,000.

Cash income from premiums and investments totalled nearly \$16,000,000. The prosperity of the company is reflected in the maintenance of a splendid record of increasing policy-dividends, in accordance with which five-year dividend and reserve dividend policies will receive larger dividends in 1916 than those received by similar policies in 1915.

During the year the company paid a total of \$7,129,479 to its policyholders, bringing the payments to policyholders since organization to over \$52,500,000.

Such a record reflects credit upon the directors and officers in charge of the company's affairs and should be a source of great gratification to Sun Life policyholders.

### WELL KNOWN REXTON LADY PASSES AWAY

The death of Mary, wife of John A. Cameron, the well known merchant of Rexton, occurred at her home in that town on Friday, March 3rd. Mrs. Cameron had been in rather poor health for some months, but it was not generally known that she was seriously ill and it was with surprise and regret that her friends learned that on February 22nd she had been taken to the Moncton hospital for treatment, accompanied by her daughter, and in the care of her attending physician, Dr. D. P. Mahoney. After a consultation with Dr. W. A. Ferguson, it was found that the disease from which she suffered had made such rapid progress, and had already so undermined her constitution that it was not considered advisable to operate, and on Friday, February 25th, she returned home, knowing that she had left this life at the most but a few days. She bore her suffering with calm patience and Christian fortitude, and, actuated by the spirit of utter unselfishness which was so marked a characteristic of her life, her sole thought during the last days of her life was to comfort and console the loving husband and daughter from whom she was so soon to part.

Mrs. Cameron was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Gordon, of Main River, Kent county, where she was born on May 16th, 1848. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mary Cameron, who resides at home, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Bowser, of Rexton, mother of the present premier of British Columbia. By her death the village of Rexton loses one whose place in the hearts of the people will not be easily filled. She was a woman of sterling character and of an unselfish disposition, full of sympathy for those in trouble, and generous to the poor and needy. She was a devoted member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rexton, to which she gave generously of her time and her means, and her loss will be severely felt in all branches of the work of the church.

The funeral services, which were largely attended, were held on Sunday, interment being made in the Presbyterian cemetery at Rexton, Rev. Geo. E. Gardner officiating at the house and grave.

The pall bearers were: A. B. Carson, Elbert Atkinson, James L. Hutchinson, and J. J. Girvan, Capt. George Irving, Martin Langlan.

**M'DOUGALL-SUMNER WEDDING AT MONCTON**  
Moncton, March 7.—A wedding of much interest took place last evening April, or any time this year, for that matter. What the Allies hope for is a breakdown of the morale of the German people when they realize that

### Little Benny's Note Book

Pop was leaning back in his Morris chair reading the paper last night, and he said, Ah, there nothing like a fine lawns evening at home reading the paper with your feet out and feeling like a king in his castle.  
Im glad you realize it then, for this is the first time you've bin home this week, sed ma.  
Thats probberly why im able to appreciate it so much, was that the telephone bell, sed pop.  
I didnt hear anything, sed ma.  
Possberly not, sed pop.  
Why dont you lile a segar and reely look as tho you were enjoyng yourself, sed ma.  
I blesed I will, that was the telephone, wasent it, sed pop.  
My goodniss, wats the matter, your not expectng a call, are you, sed ma.  
Serteny not, thank hevvin, sed pop, the thing is, wenever I feel especially at ease and comfortabl like this, it seems to good to last, and I get abnormally apprehensive that sumthing is going to interupt to take me away.  
Nonsents, sed ma. Wich jest then the telephone bell rang, and pop sed, Thare, that was the telephone.  
And he got up and assured it, saying, Hello, hello, yes, yes, wry, the idee, at this time of nite, wry, its redicklous, Ill see you tommor, wat, O well, if I must, I must, I suppose.  
And he hung up the telephone, saying, Thare, wat did I tell you.  
Marvellis, sed ma. And pop put on his hat and coat and went out, ma saying, You coud reed some peopli like a book and you can see throo thurs like glass, but that mans a glass book.

Samuel G. McDougall, Royal Canadian Engineers, Ottawa. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Rev. Canon Slamm. The bride is one of Moncton's highly esteemed young ladies, Mr. and Mrs. McDougall left on No. 10 express this morning on a honeymoon trip east.  
Among out of town guests were Lieut. Governor Josiah Wood, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wood, Miss Edith Hunt, Miss Marie DesBarres, Sackville; Mrs. Walter Sumner and son, Jack, Truro, and Major P. R. Sumner, now taking a field officer's course at Halifax.

### YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS.

Twenty-three men were in orders last night as taken on strength. Lieut. W. H. Allingham has been attached to the battalion for duty and training. In the morning the men had routine drill and in the afternoon they marched to Carmarthen street Methodist church under command of Major P. C. Jones and listened to a splendid address by the Rev. (Capt.) W. A. Cameron. Today the officer of the day will be Lieut. Perley and the ordinary routine work will be indulged in.

69th.

Yesterday was spent by the men of the 69th in bayonet fighting, musketry drill and company in attack. Today, in the morning they will have bayonet fighting, platoon drill and musketry in the morning, and in the afternoon they will have company drill and com-

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140th Battalion.  
The hour of mounting guard for the 140th has been changed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Yesterday the battalion had their usual drill including a hard march through the snow. The soldiers of this battalion are rapidly getting into excellent shape.

The orderly officer for today is Lieut. F. Armstrong, while the officer of the guard is Lieut. A. W. Thorne.

### Soldiers Entertained.

A number of the soldiers in the different units now in training in the city were entertained last night at St. Luke's, Calvin and St. Stephen's churches. At each place refreshments were served and short musical programmes carried through, while at St. Stephen's church school room there was a basketball match. The soldier boys were greatly pleased at the entertainment given them.

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**The Police Court.**  
Yesterday morning in the Police Court Roy Coes was found guilty of stealing two tubs of butter from Robert Jones' grocery store on Main street, and was sentenced to a term of five years, with hard labor in Dorchester Penitentiary.

John Moore, arrested on a warrant issued on Monday, was charged by Joseph Williams with stealing a quantity of blacksmith's utensils valued at \$100 from his shop on Bridge street. A further charge, that of collecting \$90 for Williams not accounted for, was laid by Mr. Williams. Moore pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Williams gave evidence that the defendant worked for him. During that time he had occasion to leave the city on Dec. 18th, 1915, and returned on March 1st. The following articles were missing from the shop: One forge, one block and tackle, six sledges, six tube expounders, twenty hammers, twenty-four chisels, two sets of taps, six reamers, one hatchet, ten drills and three pairs of tongs. Moore was left in charge during the witness' absence. Some of the missing articles were found on the prisoner's person by the detective. These were re-