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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1916.

"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 CIVIC PRIMARIES.

That the great majority of the citizens of St. John are still firmly in favor of the commission form of government was evident from yesterday's result. The vote in favor of the plan was so decisive that it will probably be some time before any other attempt is made to change it. The opponents of commission were not organized and there was no attempt at a concerted campaign against it. On the other hand every candidate in the running, as well as the commissioners who were not called upon to go to the polls yesterday, exerted their influence in favor of a continuance of the commission plan.

Aside from the great majority for the commission form of government, the chief feature of yesterday's voting was the reversal of form shown by Commissioner Potts, whose showing was not nearly as good as his friends expected. Probably there were very few citizens who, prior to the close of the polls, believed that Mr. Potts would not be in the final and his defeat in practically every ward in the city came as a distinct surprise.

Commissioner Potts has served the city as alderman and commissioner for a considerable period, and it will not be charged against him by even his bitterest enemies that he has been other than sincere. He and his friends had a right to expect a greater measure of support from the "labor party" than they received, for the Commissioner of Public Works has been a zealous worker in the cause of better conditions for the working man and was entitled to a more tangible display of gratitude.

Commissioner McLellan is to be congratulated. He has been the subject of much criticism, possibly some of it may have been, in a measure, justified but that his course has been endorsed by a number of citizens sufficiently large to place him in the final with a decidedly creditable vote is good evidence that he has given general satisfaction.

Mr. G. F. Fisher, who came near to election on the occasion of his last appeal, led the poll yesterday and will very likely prove a successful candidate in the final. He is a citizen of standing, and business experience who has taken a keen interest in civic affairs and if elected should be in a position to do good service at City Hall.

It has been increasingly apparent during the past few days that Mr. A. W. Sharpe who, for many years, satisfactorily discharged the duties of chief assessor, would be a candidate to be reckoned with on election day and the showing he made yesterday in running third on the list of successful ones was not a surprise. The surprise of the day was the strength manifested by Mr. Sugrue, the labor candidate. Mr. Eagles was never in the running.

The final elections will be held on Monday, April 24th, when the citizens will be asked to choose between the winners of yesterday's contest. The mayoralty election will also be contested on the same day. There is every reason to manifest care in the selection of mayor and commissioners on the final election. As The Standard has pointed out on many previous occasions commission government has commendable and commendable features but the citizens have decided that it is the system under which the city's affairs are to be administered for another period. The obvious duty of all then is to see to it that the men who will rule under it are the very best in the running. The field affords opportunity for a good selection.

A BRITISH VIEW.

The Canadian Weekly, of London, England, commenting on the Kite charges, says that "Canadians have even seen some which reflect such credit and honor upon the Dominion that all else must seem trivial," and sets aside as of comparative unimportance the charges that have been made against war contractors and particularly the allegation that these charges tend back to the Canadian Minister of Militia, Sir Sam Hughes. There have been no charges laid directly against Sir Sam Hughes. The sole allegation against him is that he is the friend of

a man who is charged and that he made the actions of the latter possible. As yet there is absolutely no evidence to reflect upon either the judgment or the honesty of the Canadian Minister of Militia. The opposition scandal mongers have been free with their allegations and their insinuations; the Carvelles and the Kites and the Pugsleys of the party have mud-pumped and mud-raked to the limit, but thanks to the sterling and outstanding qualities of Sir Robert Borden the allegations will be investigated in a court where British justice will prevail and perverted partisans do not sit in judgment. Until this court has weighed the evidence and rendered its verdict, which the public may be assured will be strictly in accordance with the facts, it is only fair to regard the charges as untrue.

Meanwhile the attitude of the Canada Weekly cannot but fail to carry weight with the Canadian public. It says that Canadians in the Motherland or in Canada will not feel the least uneasiness over the reports set in motion by an interested opposition. Even in the British Government departments war conditions have made possible things which could not have happened under any other circumstances. Furthermore the Canada Weekly continues: "It is to be regretted that opportunity was taken of the minister's absence from Ottawa to bring forward such charges." That expression will find an echo among all fair minded Canadians no matter what their political affiliations or preferences may be.

Sir Sam Hughes had announced his intention of visiting England and made no secret of his departure. Why, then, it may be asked, did Mr. Kite wait until he was safely out of the way before asking his questions? Why did Mr. Carvell, also after Sir Sam's departure deliberately state to the House that "next week" he (Sir Sam) would be "consoing" with J. Wesley Allison and "others of their ilk" in "the balmy atmosphere" of Florida? It was known in Ottawa that the Minister of Militia had gone to England and that Captain Bassett, his military aid, had accompanied him; Mr. Carvell or any other member of the House could have obtained that information for the asking but it is not apparent that they asked. It was sufficient for them that the object of their attack was not present to defend himself and, consequently, his reputation could be smirched with impunity. But the Minister of Militia is returning to face his accusers. He has already arranged for counsel to defend him before the Duff Meredith commission. The Minister of Militia hits hard but he fights fairly and it is altogether likely that before the curtain is rung down on the charges the opposition scandal mongers will realize that they have aroused a man.

SIR ROBERT'S PLAN ENDORSED.
The Montreal Gazette, one of the most influential of Canadian newspapers, commenting editorially on the Kite charges and, more particularly, Sir Robert Borden's appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate them, says in part: "When interest in the country seemed to be lagging Mr. Kite came forward with a series of allegations in connection with contracts of the Shell Committee with concerns in the United States for fuses and cartridge cases. The charges were sensational and again public interest was excited. Mr. Kite had what purported to be copies of contracts made and as these were presented they indicated that large orders for materials had been given to companies formed for the purpose of taking them, though the members had neither capital to invest nor factories for producing the articles required. The companies were acting as middlemen and expected to make huge profits by standing between the active producers and the British government as represented by the Shell Committee. There seems to be some doubt if any profits were realized. The facts, it is hoped, will be disclosed by the enquiry which has been ordered by the Royal Commission lately announced, and the powers of which are evidently ample to find out all the truth. There are advantages in a Royal Commission for carrying out such enquiry greater than those which a parliamentary committee usually exhibits, and there was reason why the result of the investigation should have been awaited before undertaking to pass a vote of censure on the Government. The

division on the Laurier motion took place in the House of Commons on Tuesday night, however, and some members who usually support the ministers voted with the opposition. The incident is to be regretted. The purpose of those who supported the Laurier resolution in parliament was avowed. It is to destroy first Sir Sam Hughes and then the Borden Government. It may not be achieved. There is, even in trial before the public, a difference between preparing an indictment and reading it aloud and obtaining a conviction. The immediate object of the attack is out of the country, which he left to fulfill a public duty. He has been attacked often and has always overcome his enemies. Sir Sam Hughes is recognized today everywhere as a man whose energy and capacity for his duties were the means of accomplishing astonishing results in the creation and equipment of a Canadian army. He was in a position where, had he desired, he might have made millions. No one says or thinks he took advantage of his opportunities to make one dollar improperly. No amount of special pleading or political rhetoric would cause the public to condemn him before he faces his accusers. After he meets them the condemnation may be against the accusers."

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MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE LOCAL BOY SCOUTS
A meeting of the Local Council of the Boy Scouts' Association was held at the residence of C. D. Howard last night. A. C. Skelton occupied the chair and was supported by Rev. H. A. Cody, B. C. Waring, R. J. McPherson, A. H. Ellis, W. McPherson, Rev. Mr. Thompson, W. M. Galley, P. J. Legg, H. Wood (of Welsford), E. A. Keel, L. Porter and Mr. Robertson.

Among the important subjects raised was that of awarding a prize to the best all round troop, and the one who can show the greatest amount saved according to the size of the troop. The treasurer read the financial report, which showed the local association to be in very good condition. H. Wood, of the Welsford Boy Scouts gave a short but interesting address as to the work in that district.

During the course of the meeting Percy Gibson was elected as a member of the Local Council. It was decided that in the future each scoutmaster must bring a report of the work among the troop under his care to the regular meeting.

One result of last night's meeting was to show that the Boy Scout movement in the city was rapidly gaining ground, and although certain members of the public failed to see much of interest in the same, the teaching and discipline which the boys were receiving was having a noticeable effect. An instance was given by a member of the council, whose work takes him amongst all classes of boys, which showed that even where a boy had been brought up amidst adverse circumstances, when brought under the influence of the scout instruction and teaching, he showed a very marked improvement, and promised to

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Uncle Ed came to see us last night, getting here on the 11 o'clock train, and after supper I sed to pop, Pop, cau I set up with you and me and wait for Uncle Ed.
Yes sir, I never get sleepy, sed pop.
Who? I sed, and pop sed, O, an old skool mate of mine, well, you may wait up till the first time you yawn, and the first time you yawn, off you go to bed, now finish your home work.
With I did, and then I started to wait for Uncle Ed, and the clock struck half past 9 and I hadn't yawned yet and just as it was half way throo striking 10 I yawned and quick looked at pop and he was reading the paper.
G, I thawt, he didnt see me. And I started to look at the clock and wonder wat wood happen if the hands started to have a race, and all of a sudden pop sed, Benny, Sir, I sed closing my mouth.
Your yawning, sed pop.
No sir, I sed.
Wat do you call it, then, sed pop.
My mouth jest came open, I sed.
O, my error, sed pop, And heapp on reading the paper, and I yawned 3 more times without him saying anything, and then he sed, Hay, will you stop that imitation of the crater of Mount Visscovious. And then wat did he do but yawn himself, saying, Confownd it, hes got me doing it. And he yawned about 3 more times and sed, Good nite, Im as sleepy as a June bride, Im going to bed, Ill see Ed in the morning.
And me and pop went to bed and ma waited up for Uncle Ed.

become an influential citizen as he reached his manhood.
A vote of thanks to Mr. Howard for his hospitality terminated the proceedings.

NAMES SEVERAL OTHER ACCOMPLICES IN PLOT TO BLOW UP WELLAND CANAL

New York, April 10.—Horse Von Der Goltz, alias Bridgman Taylor, was brought from the Ellis Island Immigration station today to the federal grand jury room to testify in connection with the government's investigation of the conspiracy to destroy the Welland Canal in 1914, for alleged complicity in which Captain Hans Tauscher, husband of Johanna Gadsch, opera singer, was recently arrested.

Several other witnesses, whose names the federal district attorney would not disclose, also testified today. It was stated that no indictments were to be expected at this time.

Von Der Goltz is understood to have made revelations involving several others in the plot who are now under federal surveillance.

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UNCLE DICK THE

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CAN YOU FIND THE NAMES

This competition is similar to the recent each paragraph the name of a flower will be chosen the name is spelt backwards; that is to as in this example: "Well, sir, I think all abli list." Here you will find that the words "sir wards, make the word "Iris," which, of course Try and find the names of the other flowers in 1. He was one of the first to don khaki, dear no!

2. After she had taken the lid off, a del to view.

3. "I know it is hard to bear, but do no her companion, kindly.

4. The tale was one concerning great the war could be more interesting.

5. A bleak, nipping wind was blowing d tramp.

6. "Bring the paraffin oil, Edna dear, l lamps," she said.

7. Directly she left the farm her health remained at home she would probably not be 8. The team won the match by good coo snappy play.

The contest is open to any boy or girl m age, and each entry must be accompanied by pons correctly filled in. To the senders of t neatly written out list of flowers, I shall awa All attempts must reach this office by April

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STANDARD COMPETITION For Boys and Girls

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Address.....

Age..... Birthday

OBITUARY.

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Andrews, living with his mother, Mrs. Andrews, at St. John.

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