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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.

CANADA WAS PREPARED.

Important statements, which seem to have escaped the attention of the newspapers in this province, were made by Sir Robert L. Borden in the course of his address before the Canadian Club of Halifax on Friday evening last. The theme of the Premier's discourse was the Empire war and Canada's participation in it, and he related a little bit of inside history which showed that, at least, the Canadian Government was not caught napping.

As early as January last the Premier called a conference of the deputy ministers of the different departments of the administration and consulted with them as to preparation for war should the necessity arise. Carefully the officials went to work and collected a great mass of information later embodied in a private publication known as the "War Book," and as far as possible patterned after the book of the same name issued by the Imperial Defence Council. The wisdom of the Government's action is seen in the fact that a few days before the outbreak of war the book was available.

The information it contained related to every branch of the administration which could be affected in a situation such as this and its availability did much to facilitate Government operations and to prevent the wasted effort usually due to overlapping. In fact it will be readily believed that in the splendid record made in the mobilization, equipment and despatch of the Canadian contingent the officials charged with that duty were materially assisted by the work already accomplished in times of peace.

In relating the facts in connection with this achievement Sir Robert Borden treated it as a matter of ordinary business routine and did not invite credit for the foresight and statesmanlike wisdom which led him to prepare for trouble even when none appeared to threaten, but the people of Canada will not be slow to recognize that in incipient the movement the Premier has again placed the country under a deep and lasting obligation to him. Canada was ready when the call came and that state of preparedness must be ascribed in large measure to the happy circumstance which gave us in control at Ottawa a business-like administration with a keen sagacious statesman at its head. Premier Borden has again proved his quality.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Steady pressure from the Allied armies in the West, coupled with most dogged resistance from the Russians on the opposite side of the war zone, is gradually causing the military power of Germany to crumble, and the news from all quarters where fighting is going on is, today, decidedly bright. A few days ago reports of a great German victory over the Russians were sent to Berlin, and the school children in that city were given a few hours relief from their studies to celebrate the success. It is as well that they had their holiday when they did for if they had waited for confirmation of the first glowing reports, they would probably have missed it.

It is not now apparent that the "victory" was a victory at all; rather a comparatively unimportant advance over territory which the Russians had given up in order to perfect changes in their plans. Instead of being defeated the Russian army is a very virile force pressing the Germans in the north so fiercely as to compel a retreat across the East Prussian frontier. Further south the Russians continue the investment of Przemyśl with as much determination as ever and although the Germans are attacking in force at the centre there has, as yet, been no decisive result.

While Russia has given some ground she has increased her forces and improved her strategic position, and the battle for the possession of Warsaw is yet far from being decided. The Kaiser is reported to have told the men of the army of Warsaw that if they did not succeed in capturing the city, he would be obliged to make peace for Germany on degrading terms. The capture has not been effected and is not likely to be for some time, and while the Kaiser may not have intended his statement to be accepted literally, yet, if possession of Warsaw was the only alternative in his mind to a "degrading" peace, it does not seem improbable that there may be an earlier cessation of hostilities than generally expected.

In the West the Allies are making splendid progress. One by one the units in the system of German defences are being overcome and the German lines forced a little nearer to the border and to disastrous defeat. It is not spectacular campaigning, but it is mightily effective, and if the visible progress of the Allies is slow it is none the less certain and must eventually result in sweeping victory.

CITY FINANCES IN JANUARY

Money provided until next year's appropriations are made up—Routine matters.

A short meeting of the city commissioners was held yesterday afternoon when it was decided to have Canterbury street extension taken over as a city street and made ready for traffic.

INTERESTING CASES IN POLICE COURT

Several By-law Reports Dealt With By Police Magistrate.

In the Police Court yesterday afternoon Fred. G. Spencer was fined ten dollars for allowing his automobile to remain on the street over the limited time and the fine was allowed to stand for the present subject to the matter being reported to the Commissioners. Mr. Spencer was also charged with conducting a vaudeville performance without a license. The defendant explained that he had taken out a license and the matter was adjourned until Tuesday next for further proof.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.
Krismas is the time when there is peace and earth good will to men for those that get presents.
It is moor bleesid to give presents than to receive them, but it is moor fun to receive them.

Krismas must be a fearsome time for Terks and Mormons, awn akhount of if a man has 10 wives and about 100 children and they awl expect presents. I guess he wishes Krismas was Noo Years or um othr holiday, ware peopl are expected to enjoy themselves without ixpeckting everybody to give them something. I guess Terks and Mormons try to keep their childrin frum bleeving in Santer Klaws isted of trying to make them blevee in him, the way reguler peopl do.

Evryboddy ixpeckts to get moar than they give at Krismas, proving that moor peopl dont care weadhr they are bleesid or not, perviding sum-boddy else is bleesid for thare sake.
It is bettr to ask for wat you want and not get it, than to not ask for it and not get it enyway and think maybe you wood of got it if you had asked for it.

Evryboddy, even kids, can haveas mutch plum puddin and different kinds of dizeet as they want awn Krismas, providing that even if they get sick its in a good cause.
I rote the following pome about Krismas
Krismas kums but wants a year
As evryboddy noz,
Krismas kums but wants a year
And wants a year it goz.
Pop sees the opposite to Krismas is Thanksgiving Day.

FUNERALS.

Daniel Sullivan.

Newcastle, Dec. 21.—The funeral of Daniel Sullivan, prominent lumberman, of Renous, took place to St. Bridget's R. C. cemetery Saturday forenoon, Rev. Father Murdoch conducting services. There was a large attendance, the deceased being a much respected citizen, well known throughout the county. The pall-bearers were the five sons of the deceased living the county and a grandson, Vincent Sullivan. Seven children survive, their mother, formerly Miss Catherine Keeshoe of Renous, having died two years ago. They are: John and Wm. Redbank; Michael, Cobalt, Ont.; Dennis and James at home; Frank, Renous, and Miss Bernetta at home.

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