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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.

## WHAT DOES LAURIER THINK TODAY?

"If Germany wins, nothing else on God's earth matters."  
The words quoted were used by Sir Wilfrid Laurier a year ago, when he voiced his objection to a war-time election. Today, Sir Wilfrid is found as the leader of the political party which has strained every effort to bring about the contest and the turmoil which, a year ago, he deplored. What has happened in the past twelve months to change his opinion? Does he still think that "if Germany wins, nothing else on God's earth matters?"

And if he holds to that view, what is he doing to keep Germany from winning? Today the terrible struggle in France is at its climax. Germany, like the sorely wounded beast, is fighting more fiercely, more desperately than ever. The Canadian casualties are as heavy as they were and the reinforcements for our boys at the front are not coming forward in sufficient numbers to repair the wastage.

With the hope of improving conditions Sir Robert Borden introduced a measure calling for compulsory military service. Sir Wilfrid Laurier opposed it with all his admitted power, all his political craft. In this situation the Liberal leader has discovered that there is something else besides Prussian victory that matters. No longer does he look at the trenches in Flanders. His attention is fixed upon the polling booths in Quebec.

And though it will hinder the working out of the measure designed to bring aid to the boys at the front, although it will paralyze our military activity, although it will bring strife and discord where there should be harmony and united effort, Canada is to have a war-time election. And it is Laurier and his anti-conscriptionist racials who forced the issue, who took the attitude that will promote strife, that will keep from Canada's fighting men the aid they so sorely require.

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The measure that a great majority of Canadians believe will help to keep Germany from winning will be the real issue in the coming campaign, and Laurier opposes it.

That issue must be kept clearly before the people. It is simply the question whether this Canadian democracy shall continue to do its best for the Empire and for the world, or cease its activity at the demand of Laurier and those for whom he speaks.

Laurier has challenged Canada's sustained effort in this war, and the people who desire that this country shall continue to do its utmost, the people who do not share the idea that our men at the front should be deserted or betrayed must know just exactly what the opposition is to the Government's plan and where that opposition comes from.

When there is a proper and complete understanding of these things, as there will be before the campaign closes, there can be no mistaking the verdict of the people. Laurier's own words of a year ago condemn his action of today.

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THE TIMES AND THE ROADS.  
The esteemed Times is genuinely distressed over the unreasonable of some people who think it is the duty of the provincial Public Works Department to improve the wretched condition of the roads of the province. It declares that complaints against the condition of the highways have been made, not because they are just, but in the hope of creating political capital against the Carter government. "Friends of the government," it says, should not "become over-anxious to have money hastily spent for temporary repairs."

What right has any long suffering farmer who happens to be a Carterite to ask the government headed by his friends to fix a bad road? It should be sufficient for him that his friends are in power and if, because of their neglect, the roads are bad, why should he be unreasonable about it? What is a little thing like a bad road that it should come between a man and his friends? And besides, he should not feel slighted for the piece of road he knows about is not the only bad piece in the province. He has company in his misery. In fact the Times admits that there are so many bad pieces that, to repair them, "it would be easy to spend an immense amount of money that would have to be spent over again year after year with out giving the people good roads,"—so there. That is the sort of job the Carter government intends to make of the roads, an occasion for annual expenditure without any good result.

But the Times says there should be no demand for temporary repairs. "In order that the government may go ahead with as large a programme as possible of road work of permanent value." Evidently, then, the government has a permanent road policy, a revelation that will prove a genuine surprise to most of the people who have occasion to travel over the roads of the province. But there is to be no undue haste in bringing it out. In fact Mr. Veniot's apologist points to the fact that he has "four years" in which to perfect it, and while the people may be dissatisfied now they will be well pleased at the expiration of that term.

The Standard is inclined to agree with that portion of the Times' article. The people of New Brunswick will be pleased when this government's term comes to an end, but their pleasure will come from the opportunity they will have to put business men instead of incompetents in charge of affairs at Fredericton. That will be the first relief for them, the first real chance to secure an improved condition in the public highways.

In the meantime, if the road does not suit, they can fix it themselves. Nothing can be simpler. Why have a provincial road department at all when all that is necessary to improve the roads is for the people to go to work

on them. As the Times says, "if the people who use the roads had the right idea they would regard a little work of this kind as a public service which could do them no harm and do the general public much good."

Let us hope that the Times' staff should not be bothered about matters of the sort. If the roads are bad the people can do one of two things,—put up with them, or fix them. But they have no right to complain, or to importune the government. The very thought of such a thing is preposterous.

The Times' defense of the government is ingenious but, we fear, unconvincing. The people who use the roads in this province last year and travelled over them again this year can realize, without the assistance of that newspaper how much worse they are than at any time since 1908. And they also know who is responsible. They know that Hon. B. F. Smith had the only practical policy for permanent roads, which policy the Carter government refused to follow, although the Times, in its hints at the patrol system, indicates that eventually they may take it up. If the government of which Hon. Mr. Smith was a member had been returned in the last election that policy would have been well underway, and by this time we should have had better roads and fewer complaints.

HOOPER'S ADVICE.  
Hoover, of the U. S. A., has issued the following suggestions for the saving of food and fuel. While addressed to the people of the United States, they are equally applicable to Canada. Their adoption will help to win the war against Germany, and besides may save us from an enforced stringency later on:

Save the Wheat—One wheelless meal a day. Use corn, oatmeal, rye, or barley bread and non-wheat breakfast foods. Order bread twenty-four hours in advance so your baker will not bake beyond his needs. Cut the loaf on the table and only as required. Use stale bread for cooking, toast, etc. Eat less cake and pastry.

Save the Meat—Beef, mutton, or pork not more than once daily. Use freely vegetables and fish. At the meat meal serve smaller portions, and stew instead of steaks. Make made-dishes of all left-overs. Do this and there will be meat enough for every one at a reasonable price.

Save the Milk—The children must have milk. Use every drop. Use buttermilk and sour milk for cooking and making cottage cheese. Use less cream.

Save the Fat—We are the world's greatest fat wasters. Fat is food. Butter is essential for the growth and health of children. Use butter on the table as usual, but not in cooking. Other fats, as are good. Reduce use of fried foods. Soap contains fats. Do not waste it. Make your own wash-

ing soap at home out of the saved fats.  
Save the Sugar—Sugar is scarcer. We use today three times as much per person as our allies. So there may be enough for all at reasonable prices. Do not stint and sweet drinks. Do not stint in putting up fruit and jams. They will have butter.

Save the Fuel. Coal comes from a distance, and our railways are overburdened hauling war material. Help relieve them by burning fewer fires. Use wood when you can get it.

Use the Perishable Foods—Fruit and vegetables we have in abundance. As a nation we eat too little green stuff. Double their use and improve your health. Store potatoes and other roots properly and they will keep. Be gin now to can or dry all surplus garden products.

Use Local Supplies—Patronize your local producer. Distance means money. Buy perishable food from the neighborhood nearest you and thus save transportation.

All of Mr. Hoover's suggestions are valuable and are absolutely in line with the advice the Canadian Food Controller, Mr. Hanna, is endeavoring to impress upon the people of this country.

FOOD CONSERVATION AND PRESENTATION

Miss Netta Nixon Dwells on Its Importance—Thrill Truly Patriotic

"Every pound of food preserved for future use is a national service." This was the keynote of the address delivered by Miss Netta Nixon of Macdonald College, Guelph, Ont., at the High School, last night, under the auspices of the Y.W.P.A. Mayor Hayes occupied the chair and on the platform were Dr. Bridges, William M. McLean, R. E. Armstrong, and F. Peacock, regents of the several chapters of the I.O.D.E. in the city, the president of the Housewives' League, Miss Kate Bartlett, and officers of the Y.W.P.A.

The hall was well filled and the speakers were given a most enthusiastic reception.

Miss Nixon pointed out to her audience that the secret of thrift was knowledge and that the home-maker was truly a patriot as far as the food she bought and used was concerned. Both were helping the Empire in different ways. It was time that the conservation of food and the intelligent buying of supplies were carefully studied. In many instances food purchased in bulk was very much cheaper than if bought in packages. Taking the prices ruling in St. John as an example, Miss Nixon proved this fact in various commodities. Home-canned goods were both better and cheaper. The waste of money in buying fruit out of season was also dwelt upon. Out of her scientific knowledge and their respective values showing clearly that more cereals should be included in the daily menu. If these were more attractively served they would be perhaps more popular.

The use of whole wheat was strongly urged by food specialists and it was hoped that the milling would be done more closely in Canada in the future as was the case in England at present. As an axiom it was urged that Canadian grown products be used on every possible occasion. It was saving money to save food and it was a patriotic duty of the present moment to study the food question so as to buy to the best advantage thus saving money to give to war needs.

The formation of home efficiency clubs among the girls of New Brunswick had been undertaken and it was strongly urged that such canning clubs should be formed in the city of St. John. Trained teachers were available and the domestic science room placed at the disposal of such clubs.

Miss Nixon was followed by F. Peacock, superintendent of manual training and household science. New Brunswick, who explained further the great benefit of such clubs and the fact that through the girls of the province this knowledge would be widely spread.

Miss Nixon, sister of the speaker, rendered most delightfully a patriotic selection.

Inspector McLean sketched briefly the growth of the movement throughout the province and told of the excellent work being done by the boys on the farm. Thirty domestic science teachers were giving up their holidays to instruct the clubs in canning and preserving.

Dr. Bridges voiced the thanks of the audience to Miss Nixon for her scientific and interesting address which he was sure would prove of benefit to the audience.

Mayor Hayes, in introducing the speakers, dwelt briefly on the importance of the work of the Y.W.P.A.

"HOWARDISM" RULES WITH AN IRON HEEL ON ST. PETER'S FIELD

The Shamrocks Won Last Night's Game by Howard's "Strategy"—Game Will Be Protested—Rough House Ends It

A row decision, three fights, several word combats, and the reading of the riot act brought last night's game in the North End league to an interesting close. It was full of humor for the spectators, although the Maples looked on it in a different light. Up to the third inning the Maples were in the lead and it seemed that they had the game cinched, but Howard, pulling off a stunt unprecedented in the

history of local baseball, it was a case of win by a protest and it worked. Butler was at the bat. He walked a good path but it fell inside of the foul line. Howard called it a fair ball and a runner on third scored. This was the sign for a rough house. "Lobby the pitcher for the Maples, was the first to take up the glove and walked off the diamond. He in turn was followed by Moore, and by this time the rest of the players took the hint and marched in. "It was a foul," came the voice of a dozen bench warmers, "O—h Howard that's rotten," cried another. "We don't play with men like that," followed another. Other expressions such as might be heard around the amphitheatre in Spain by people witnessing a bull fight were also in order. However, Howard stuck to his first decision and the game ended four to four. "We protest this game," emphasized Terry McGovern, as he threw a bat to the ground.

At the end of the second inning Walter Dunlop, who was acting as umpire, set up the sponge, on account of the players wanting to do his work. This led to a wordy combat between Gibbons and Moore. The last and inflected was "you're a snipe."

The box score as far as the game went follows:

Shamrocks  
Gibbons, 2b. .... abrh poae  
Butler, c.f. .... 2 3 0 0 0 3  
Murphy, 1st. .... 2 1 0 0 0 0  
McMurray 3rd. .... 2 1 1 0 0 0  
Knaudson, p. .... 2 0 0 0 2 0  
F. Howard r.f. .... 2 0 1 0 0 0  
Kelly, a.s. .... 1 0 0 1 1 0  
G. Elliott, l.f. .... 2 0 0 0 0 0  
McIntyre, c. .... 2 0 1 4 0 0

Maples  
Harrington, s.s. .... abrh poae  
Duke, 2b. .... 2 1 0 3 0 1  
McGuire, 1st. .... 2 1 0 3 0 0  
Doherty, c. .... 2 1 1 0 0 0  
Garvin, r.f. .... 2 0 0 0 0 0  
Moore, c.f. .... 1 1 0 0 1  
O'Brien, 3rd. .... 2 0 0 0 1  
White, l.f. .... 1 0 0 0 0 0  
Lobb, p. .... 1 1 0 0 1 0

Score by innings:—  
Maples ..... 2 2 0 4  
Shamrocks ..... 1 0 3 4

DIAMOND DOPE  
Like the Kaiser, Howard is trying to make every one believe that he is right and the rest of the world is wrong. Without any joking, that decision was certainly uncocked.

Whatever the fate of the divinity students might be as regards the Military Service Act, they certainly are not exempted from abuse on St. Peter's grounds.

After watching last night's game, the doctorous James Boys, would hesitate before crossing the diamond.

What do you say "Whitey," said "Mugsy" on the coaching line. "We wonder what he said when his coat

tail was right out straight as he turned down Main street on Saturday with a mob of youngsters hot on his trail. "Mugsy" played a good game for the Maples last night.

CASUALTIES  
Ottawa, July 20.—Casualties:  
Artillery.  
Wounded—  
O. S. Baird, Amherst, N. S. Infantry.  
Wounded—  
J. J. Young, St. John, N. B.  
W. W. Hughes, Avonport, N. S.  
H. S. Moore, Springfield, N. S.  
M. J. Mallory, St. John.  
B. Thibodeau, Alnwick, N. B.  
X. Franchou, Dalhousie, N. B.  
J. Sewall, Campbellton, N. B.  
A. Thompson, Sunbury, N. B.  
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