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A HERO OR COWARD?

There are young men scattered over Carleton-Victoria who just a year ago were strutting vaingloriously in the King's uniform preparatory to an outing at Camp Sussex. They had no thought of war. No one dreamed a year ago that in a few weeks this horrible war, infinitely worse in reality than the most fantastic allegories ever painted, or penned, or conceived, of hell should break and involve almost the whole civilized world. Many of the militia who went to camp last year volunteered immediately the call came. Many have seen the conflict in all its horror; they have suffered privations, hardships, wounds. Some have given their lives. Each boy who faced the horrible battle is a hero. And what is most wonderful are the cheerful letters that the surviving lads write home to mothers who, reading them, smile proudly through their tears.

The boys who have gone have made a name that their children's children will refer to with pride. The boys who have not yet volunteered, those who stand on street corners and joke those of the militia who are left with teeth chattering in fear that they may be "called," are also making a name. They are cowards. The generations that follow these will hang

their heads with shame to recall that when the empire was in its worst crisis their progenitors offered no aid. The lives of those who fail to enlist will not be enviable. To flunk at this time is to brand oneself with the most hateful name a man can bear—A COWARD.

There are those who say men must be conscripted, drafted! You able-bodied, carefree young men, would you not rather GO to war than to be dragged to war?

NOTES

Titus J. Carter and B. Frank Smith, eminent Tory statesmen from up country, were on hand to watch Valley Railway developments. They are determined that the boys in Carleton and Victoria counties must have a look in on the job. So far as can be learned the boys of York county who got aboard during the early stages of the game and got nicely stung will not object to the boys of Carleton and Victoria getting all the sub-contracts they want.—Mail.

The Valley Railway problem might be easily solved if the provincial government would refund to President Gould that \$100,000 which he was compelled to contribute to the boodle fund at the last local election. Perhaps it is only fair to the government to say that the money was not expended for purchase of votes in fact, it was not expended at all—it was pocketed by somebody. The timberland boodle fund was raised as a sort of substitute, but it went to the bad.—Mail.

The Press this week has a purported denial that "a plot is on foot to force J. K. Fleming out of the federal contest." The denial does not deny anything in particular and is unsupported by any statement that its idiom will not be "forced out of the federal contest." It is well understood that the inside doings of the local tory party are not given to the Press for certain well known reasons, hence its evident ignorance of what is going on. Perhaps by this time the garrulous Press man has learned that an effort is be-

ing made to oust Mr. Fleming and the movement is being engineered by B. F. Smith of patriotic potato fame.—Sentinel.

"But I have this to say to the prime minister and his colleagues: I do not care for an election. Let the prime minister and his colleagues say that there shall be no election as long as the war shall go on, and I will stop myself and the party that we shall stop all preparations and think of nothing but the war."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Benjamin Franklin Smith is indisputably the comedian on the political stage in New Brunswick. No guffaw is loud enough or long enough to express the manner in which a great majority of the voters receive the intimation that he will run for the federal house as a candidate of superior purity to J. K. Fleming.—Sentinel.

"I speak honestly that which I believe in the interests of the country when I say there should be, there ought to be, a change of government or a different policy pursued, but I do not care for my part, so long as the war lasts, to open the portals of office with that bloody key."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"What is the duty of the Liberal party under such circumstances? The duty of the Liberal party, so far as we conceive it, so far as we will exercise it, is to see that the war is prosecuted to an end and to a final victory."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Letter from Rbhet Mooers

Robert Mooers, writing to his sister describing events during the long-drawn-out battle of Ypres, says: "In the morning we began to hear most startling rumors concerning Canadian infantry. The wounded came streaming down the roads, some walking and others in ambulances. They had ghastly tales to tell—tales of charging across open fields under heavy fire, of whole platoons being suffocated by the German's new death-gas and of being mowed down by shrapnel. One fellow told us that his battalion had to hold such an enormous part of the line with so few men that they were spaced at 10 paces interval holding back Germans who were attacking in mass formation eight ranks deep. It was wonderful how our infantry held

the line, but nevertheless the Germans did succeed in advancing considerably; however, they did not get across the canal as they wanted to—thanks to the efforts of our infantry. Since the first day of the battle much of the ground lost has been regained and many of the guns recaptured. The fighting has been almost continuous and the losses have been simply frightful."

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