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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.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN.

Anti-conscription, pro-Laurier newspapers cannot succeed in their attempts to disparage the genuine character of the tribute of loyalty and affection tendered to Sir Robert Borden by his parliamentary supporters at Wednesday's caucus. The Prime Minister's fine leadership has done much for the cause of the nation, but quite apart from that, there is no figure today upon the political stage in Canada whose achievements in the war are more widely appreciated than those of Sir Robert Borden. The esteem and confidence of the Canadian people.

For three years the Canadian Prime Minister has been forced to grapple with problems, to face conditions, to labor under difficulties such as never before confronted a Canadian leader. It would be foolish to say that in that time he has not made mistakes, for desperate confusion followed the outbreak of war, and in such a time mistakes were inevitable. But, place his many achievements on the one hand and his few errors on the other, and the comparison will show that he has been courageous, practical, wise and self-restrained in his leadership and his administration, that his policies have been patriotic and aggressive, his impulses inspiring and his motives lofty. He has shown a clear-headed, high-minded patriotism of the most active character, and though he has been subjected to attacks of the most cruel and most malicious nature, he has never turned aside from his goal and that goal is to see to it that Canada shall fulfill the last lot her obligations to the Empire.

Such a leadership as Sir Robert Borden has given has been true leadership and those who have minimized his achievements and magnified his errors, in fairness must admit that no other Canadian could have grappled as successfully with the complex problems demanding his personal attention. Through all the extra burdens imposed by war the strain upon the Prime Minister has been very great and there is no doubt that if he consulted his own comfort he would retire from public life to the enjoyment of the ease and luxury to which his services so well entitle him. But Sir Robert Borden has set his hand to the plough and he will not cease his effort until the furrow is completed. By and by, when the history of this war is written, the full measure of his achievements for Canada will be known and appreciated, and in that reckoning at its proper value of all that was inchoate and tentative and experimental, in that setting of successes against failures, in that mingling of his years of service as the greatest statesman Canadian history has produced.

married men under the age of 35. The call to service will not be issued at once for it will require several weeks before the machinery for the working of the act can be thoroughly prepared and set in motion.

The first class of special exemption covers those whose work at home is considered in the national interest. In this class would come all farmers whose labor at home is necessary for the production of foodstuffs for the nation, all men engaged in essential industries by the stoppage of which the nation would be likely to suffer.

Other classes of exemption cover those in poor health, those whose business would be likely to suffer by their enlistment, those completing courses of study to prepare them for business or professional life, conscientious objectors, clergy, and members of the regular forces as defined by the Army Act. There are also provisions for exemption of those who are the sole remaining support of dependants, other supporting members of the family having already gone to war.

Naturally there will be some enquiry on the part of the citizens as to the procedure to follow in complying with the terms of the act. General registration before a class is called is not necessary.

When a proclamation is issued for a particular class or classes, all those within that class are conscripted by the very fact of the proclamation issuing. It will be for those who claim exemption because of physical disability or the nature of employment to go to one of the exemption tribunals and state reasons. If the reasons are good exemption certificates will be issued.

NEWCASTLE MERCHANT EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Bryan D. Hennessey Had Been Ill Short Time—Was Adopted Son of Former Mayor.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, Aug. 31.—The death of Bryan D. Hennessey, an enterprising and popular young merchant, occurred suddenly this afternoon at the age of twenty-eight, and after an illness of only a few weeks. He was the adopted son of ex-Mayor Patrick Hennessey and leaves his foster parents, three foster sisters Mrs. Charles J. Morrissey, Newcastle; Mrs. P. J. Duffy, Chatham, and Miss Mollie Hennessey, at home, also three sisters, one of whom is Reverend Sister Mary Patricia of the Congregation de Notre Dame, of Montreal.

ST. JOHN DISTRICT IN QUARTERLY SESSION

The St. John District of the Methodist Church assembled for its quarterly meeting in Sussex on Thursday morning. Rev. Thos. Marshall presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Marshall. Almost every circuit and mission was represented by clergymen and laymen. A suitable delegation was appointed to speak at educational anniversary meetings throughout the district.

The Canadian Methodist is calling for \$800,000 this year, and as its share of this amount, the St. John district consented to be responsible for \$5,500. Each circuit in the district was apportioned according to its financial strength. The Dominion campaign begins on October 14th, continuing three Sundays. In this district, on the first Sunday there will be a general exchange of pulpits, the second Sunday there will be a presentation of the pastor by laymen, and on the last Sunday the pastor will make the appeal to his own people. Then will follow an every day of social service and evangelism are to be arranged by the local churches on all fields.

Rev. Dr. Steel laid before the meeting financial matters, especially outlining the scheme for the Dominion-wide effort to raise \$800,000 for missions. In the St. John district are seven missions which ask help in grants from the Missionary Society to pay the salaries of their ministers. Every such field was carefully reviewed and the most cases their requests were recommended.

Rev. F. E. Boothroyd gave an address on "Prayer for Missions." The question of the supernumerary fund for the support of such ministers was considered and the necessary amounts apportioned to each circuit. The payment in full of all claimants. Rev. Henry Penna was appointed Epworth League secretary and Rev. J. F. Rowley statistical secretary for the year.

Little Benny's Note Book.

We had lemmin merrang pie for suppr last nite, pie being my favorite kind of dissort and lemmin merrang being my favorite kind of pie, and I finished the end of my 2nd pece slow, saying, I cood eat another pece if I had it, ma. Well you havent got it, sed ma. No, sed ma. Wy not, ma? I sed, and pop sed, Look heer, young peralittut, wen your mother ses No that awt to be enuff for you, wen I went to skool one No made a negative. If I heer you ask for more pie agen youll stay rite in the house tonite and keep yourself kumpny.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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ISSUING SCHOOL PERMITS.

Judging from the number of permits issued by the secretary of the School Board, there will be more new scholars in attendance at the opening day of school this year than last. Up to the Friday night before school opening last year the total number of permits issued was 573; the number issued up to the closing hour last night was 636, an increase of 63. Of this number 131 were issued yesterday and it is expected that a large number will be called for today and Tuesday morning.

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V. A. D. MEETING.

A meeting of the V. A. D. was held yesterday in the Soldiers Club with the commandant, Mrs. Kuhring, presiding. Miss Sturdee, the secretary, reported on the various activities, military hospitals and convalescent home during the summer. She announced 9 new members, and 15 were willing to work a month at a time.

The treasurer, Miss deSoyres, reported a balance of \$38.73 in the Bank of Nova Scotia. After the meeting the members paid a visit to the Armory where a reception is to be held in the near future when the building will be opened as a convalescent home.

A scarcity of logs is given as a reason for the shutting down of the Randolph and Baker, Ltd., mill. The mill will resume sawing in a short time.

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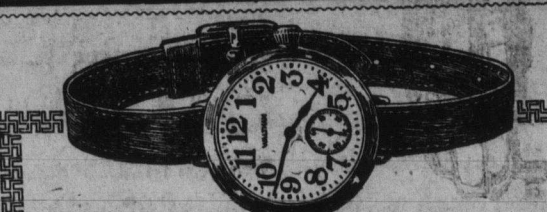
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OBITUARY

J. C. Holder.

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yesterday of Mr. J. C. Holder, r

with the Boston Ice Company, a

after a lingering illness. The o

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Holder of Fredericton on the

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