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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 Laird Borden by his parliamentary supporters at Wednesday's caucus. The Prime Minister's fine leadership has done much for the Conservative party, but quite apart from that, there is no figure today upon the political stage in Canada whose achievements rival those of Sir Robert Borden in 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. 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 to the last jot 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 personal 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 political 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 he has won the greatest triumph in 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 measuring up of his stand forth as the greatest statesman Canadian history has produced.

NEWCASTLE MERCHANT EXPIRES SUDDENLY

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

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. A suitable delegation was appointed to speak at educational anniversary meetings throughout the district.

IT IS NOT BOURASSA.

The Chatham World says "Monsieur Henri Bourassa has come to New Brunswick and accepted the editorship of the Moncton Transcript. His latest poster type editorial reads 'Liberty Dies in Canada on Tuesday When Conscription Becomes Law.' 'Good boy, Bourassa,' the Kaiser will say when the Transcript reaches him."

COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING PAPER COST

Special Representative of American Newspaper Publishers' Association in the City—Fight Still Going on in United States.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

Under the Military Service Bill which became law on Tuesday of the present week every British subject between 20 and 45 years of age, resident in Canada, or who has been resident here since the outbreak of war, shall be liable to be taken for military service in defence of the Empire.

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OBITUARY

J. C. Holder. The death occurred at Brown yesterday of Mr. J. C. Holder, with the Boston Ice Company, after a lingering illness. The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Holder of Fredericton and one son, Joseph, who enlisted with the 10th Brigade and is now in one sister, Mrs. D. E. Crowe, of St. John and one brother in St. John.

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