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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.

MR. HAZEN'S GOOD WORK.

Hon. J. D. Hazen is to be heartily commended for the splendid success which has once more attended his efforts in behalf of the port of St. John. Yesterday The Standard published a report to the effect that through Mr. Hazen's agency important extensions were to be made to the warehouse accommodation on the West Side. Confirmation of the report was obtained upon the return to the city of Mr. John C. Chesley, agent of the Marine Department, who had been in Ottawa on business connected with his department, and it now turns out that the work to be done is even more extensive than at first supposed.

With the additional shed room there should be ample accommodation this winter for the great volume of trade expected to pass through this port, which, from present indications, will break all records.

Mr. Hazen has ever been a zealous worker for St. John, and all citizens who have the interest of the port at heart appreciate his efforts to the full. It must be particularly gratifying to him to know that during his tenure of office as Minister of Marine and Fisheries he has succeeded in securing for St. John and vicinity, Government expenditures to the extent of \$9,400,000, representing a quantity of work three and one-half times as large as that secured by Mr. Pugsley in the last three and one-half years of his term in the Laurier cabinet. Mr. Hazen's record is a splendid one, and despite the adverse criticism of envious enemies, it is recognized by his constituents that he has accomplished more for St. John than any of his predecessors in either political party.

"HAZEN AND PUGSLEY."

In a futile attempt to belittle the work Hon. Mr. Hazen is doing for St. John, the Times contends that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has secured nothing for this port that Mr. Pugsley would not have obtained for it if the Laurier government had been continued in power. If the Times had wished to be absolutely truthful it would have amended its claim to state that Mr. Hazen has obtained nothing which Mr. Pugsley would not have promised to secure. To that extent the Times would have been justified for, whatever his other shortcomings, Mr. Pugsley has never been in a position where he could not produce a promise to meet any wish. In fact, a more promising gentleman never represented New Brunswick at the council board of the nation. But there is a slight difference between promise and performance and Mr. Hazen possesses the quality of securing concessions for this port without making prodigious pledges in advance.

In drawing comparisons between the work of the two gentlemen the Times reverts to the Camel-Laird matter, and tries to score the Minister of Marine because the offer of that firm to construct shipbuilding works in this port was not accepted. It may be remarked that for six months before relinquishing office Mr. Pugsley had the same tender in his desk and refused to award the contract. Why? The answer is not far to seek. Because, while Mr. Pugsley was promising a shipbuilding plant to St. John, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was equally certain that Montreal would be the site chosen. Clearly it was not the intention to construct two such plants. Which gentleman, then, was more likely to be sincere in his promise and to possess the ability to make it good? The Standard leaves it to the Times to decide whether Sir Wilfrid or Dr. Williams was the gayer deceiver in the case.

The fact that Mr. Pugsley had plans drawn for certain wharves is not denied, in fact there is no disposition on the part of The Standard to take from the learned doctor one whit of credit for anything he did—or said he would do, but the fact remains that during Mr. Pugsley's tenure of office the expenditures in St. John by the Public Works department were of a value of \$1,946,190.06, and this includes \$1,735,678.97 for harbor improvements—wharves and dredging. Mr. Hazen, in three and one-half years, and exclusive of the extensions to the west

side warehouses, secured expenditures for harbor improvements to the extent of \$7,247,791.40. Mr. Pugsley was Minister of Public Works and in control of the expenditures in his own department. Mr. Hazen was in charge of another department and yet succeeded in securing for St. John harbor more than four dollars for every dollar that can be placed to Mr. Pugsley's credit. But, the Times declares, Mr. Pugsley secured the site for the new post office. That is correct and it is also of interest to recall that at least part of that site was occupied by an automobile garage conducted by members of Mr. Pugsley's own family.

It is surprising that in its recital of Mr. Pugsley's achievements the Times neglected to mention the added prestige he brought to this city by his research work in the matter of "squid." Properly advertised as the home of the "squid" expert St. John might derive additional business and revenue as a tourist resort. Possibly this did not occur to the Times. Another occasion on which Mr. Pugsley was particularly active in behalf of St. John was when he attempted to hamper Mr. Hazen by the suggestion that all appropriations for work in this harbor should be cut in half, and that the extension of the Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island was an undertaking that could well be postponed. Despite all Mr. Pugsley's activities in power and out, the fact remains that Hon. Mr. Hazen carried port improvements beyond the realm of promise and secured for St. John a government expenditure more than three and one-half times as large as the total received under Mr. Pugsley's regime.

Hon. Mr. Hazen's thousands of friends and admirers will agree with The Standard that no method can be adopted which will so well emphasize the value of his work for St. John as a comparison with the best that Mr. Pugsley or the Pugsley organs can produce.

CONCERNING PROFITS

The Times suggests that The Standard might compile a list of the profits made by friends of the Government during the last four years. Such a list, the Times believes would be interesting and would "shed a much desired light upon the whole subject of Government expenditure."

The Standard has already called attention to profits made by Mr. W. F. Garland in the supply of field dressings to the Canadian expeditionary forces. Mr. Garland, it may be remembered, supplied field dressings in the name of his clerk and received for them a price of 21 cents each. It was decided that his profit at this price was exorbitant and the Borden Government demanded that restitution be made. As a result several thousands of dollars were returned to the Government treasury and Mr. Garland was read out of the party. How does this compare with the Laurier action in a similar case?

At the time of the South African war, when, in less demand, such supplies were cheaper, friends of the Laurier government supplied field dressings at 26 cents each. Yet no restitution was ever asked for, and there was no disposition on the part of Sir Wilfrid or any member of his government to consider the price too high.

Also, in the case of soldiers' housewives. When the first Canadian contingent was being equipped "The Two Macs" of Ottawa, supplied housewives at 83½ cents each. This was held to be a fair price which permitted a legitimate profit. At the time of the South African war the Laurier government purchased the same article for 90 cents and no member of that government declared that the profit was illegal.

The Standard has commended these cases to the attention of the Times but that journal has been silent; there are other cases on which the Times can secure information if desired. But if the editor of that newspaper really wishes to get a line on "the whole subject of Government expenditure" he might inquire from the present owners of the Times as to the profits they made during the last four years of Liberal rule. Their replies should help him some.

NOW FOR THE "88TH"

LT.-Col. George W. Fowler, M. P., who returned from Ottawa yesterday, will proceed at once with the recruiting of the 88th Battalion, the next to go from New Brunswick. If the pleasure with which the news of Col. Fowler's appointment to the command can be taken as an indication of the interest in his battalion there is no doubt he will succeed in securing a remarkably fine body of men in a brief period of time. Already he has availed himself of the offer of the Carleton Cornet Band and it is likely that fine organization will be attached to the battalion at once. With a good band for use in the recruiting campaign, which must be carried through before the ranks are filled, interest in recruiting will receive a desired stimulus and excellent results are likely to be attained.

Col. Fowler is eminently fitted for the command of the battalion. A soldier of long experience, and very popular with all, he will attract to his organization a fine class of men. The Standard extends hearty congratulations to the gallant commander of the 88th.

Y. M. C. A. TO HELP WITH RECRUITING

Winter campaign arranged and good season expected—Evening classes in French.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held last night, F. A. Dykeman presiding. Those present were: G. E. Barbour, secretary, F. C. Smith, chairman of the financial committee, H. W. Rising, W. C. Cross, Charles Robinson, A. M. Gregg and G. A. Henderson.

The reports of the different committees in regard to the amount of work done during the past two months were read and approved, and the programme for the fall and winter, for the different departments, was submitted. The officers were very much pleased with the amount of work accomplished and are looking forward to the best year in the history of the organization.

The official opening for the coming season will take place October 8th, at which the members will keep open house. The general policy of the National Y. M. C. A. will be adopted by the local Association, which is to assist in every way the recruiting campaign. Special efforts will be made to secure men for the army, and in the physical branch particular attention will be paid to those who have offered their services to the country and have been rejected for some minor defect. These men will be afforded every opportunity for special training, so that they may be able at some future time to pass the military medical examination.

Honor rolls of the members who have gone overseas will be posted in the various branches.

In the educational branch classes in French and First Aid will be conducted to assist those enlisting for foreign service.

BERNSTORFF SAYS REPORT EXAGGERATED

Washington, Sept. 28.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today sent a communication to the State Department saying reports of Turkish atrocities against Armenians were greatly exaggerated and denying in part the action of the Turks as having been provoked.

While the ambassador's letter does not deny that extreme penalties have been imposed upon Armenians by the Turks, it is stated that attempts to stir up rebellion and revolt and treasonable activity has made the "Armenian policy" a necessary war-time measure.

Since Turkey has let it be known that no foreign interference with her Armenian policy will be permitted, the United States will probably avoid the matter as a subject for any formal protest, unless Americans become involved.

The Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, is in receipt of a communication from J. T. Lithgow, Trade Commissioner at Glasgow, pointing out a market in Great Britain for broom handles and wooden cloth rollers.

A Glasgow firm, who were formerly entirely supplied with these articles from Swedish and Russian sources, is now desirous of entering into negotiations with reliable Canadian manufacturers. The firm in question is prepared to import at present from 6 to 8 carloads a year, to pay 11s. per gross, f. o. b. Atlantic port, and to take charge of the s. s. freight and other charges. The firm requires broom handles to be made from soft wood, spruce, fir, white pine, or basswood. It is useless to quote hardwood of any description. The sizes required are 1 inch in diameter by 49 inches long; 1 1/4 inch by 49 inches. The No. 1 quality is to be free from knots. The No. 2 quality is to be free from large or loose knots. The specifications for cloth rollers are as follows: 1 1/4 inch by 28 1/2 inches long and up to 5 feet. Canadians, interested in

Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

I was up in the setting room doing tricks with fonograph records today and ma kept telling me I better be careful or something would happen, with pretty soon something did while I was balancing a record on each hand and wun awn my head, saying, Lady's and gentlemen, I now introduce you to Benno the world's greatest balancer. And jest then the record awn my head fell awf of it and broke in half awn the floor.

Now, sed ma, you'll never nassen to advice, will you. Yes iam, I sed. And ma went and picked up the peeces to see wich record it was, saying, My goodness, its your fathurs favorite record that hes awlways playing for evvrybody and laffin at, you jest wate till I tell him.

Let me tell him, ma. Ill tell him, I sed. Awl rite, jest so hes told, sed ma. And wen pop calm boam and went up in the setting room I went up aftr him, saying, Say, pop, did you evvir brake any records.

Well, now that you ask me, I dont see how I can let my natcheril modesty stand in the way of telling you that in my yewth noboddy cood beet me at running 100 yards and eeling flap cakes alive, sed pop.

I broke a record today, I sed. No, truly, sed pop, you sarteny are a chip of the old block, aint you, blood will tell, blood will tell.

Yes sir, I broke a record today, I sed. Congradulashins, sed pop, and in jest wat line of indevor did you extell.

I broke it this morning, I sed. Thats the time the human body is at its best, sed pop, well, are you going to tell me wat record you broke.

The Bert Willems record, I sed. Wat, wat the blaking blazes, wat, sed pop.

Yes sir, I sed. Follo me, sed pop. Wich I did.

supplying this market, may obtain the name and address of this firm on application to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. (Refer to File No. A 1405.)

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County Canadian Consolidated Lands, Ltd., to George Wilson, \$1,200, property in Lunenburg.

F. E. DeMille to G. W. Belyea, property in Lunenburg.

S. H. Ewing, et al., to Henry White, property in Simonds.

Lauriston Co., Ltd., to F. E. DeMille, property in Lunenburg.

H. B. Peck to S. Hayward Company, property in Simonds.

Kings County J. L. Belyea to C. H. Day, \$150, property in Greenwick.

J. L. Belyea to Della P. Dayer, property in Westfield.

Alfred Burley to J. S. Lyon, property in Havelock.

Henry McMackin to Flossie McMackin, property in Havelock.

G. W. Palmer to A. J. McDoo, property in Kars.

H. N. Raymond to C. M. Vall, property in Springfield.

Heira of G. W. L. Sharp to C. A. Frost, property in Hampton.

George Stiles to Teresa Ross, property in Studholm.

F. W. Storey to J. C. Featherstone, property in Rothney.

Danish War-risk Insurance

The Danish War-risk Insurance Company for Danish ships has recently put the following new rules in force:

Ships loaded with timber and other unimproved kinds of wood cannot be insured from Sweden, Norway or the White Sea. From Canada and Western Europe ships can be insured only to the west coast of Great Britain. No insurance is written for amounts higher than \$21,333.33 per ship and then only with an additional premium of two per cent.

Ships carrying improved lumber from Norway, Canada and other overseas places, can only be insured up to \$21,333.33 per ship. Additional premium from Norway, two per cent. From overseas places to the east coast of Great Britain, two per cent. and from overseas places to the west coast of Great Britain and Western France, one per cent. Improved lumber from the White Sea to countries at war is not insured.

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