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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.

HOW THEY KEEP THE TRUCE.

In these troubled times, when the British Empire is engaged in a life and death struggle for existence, it is most fitting that the thought of the entire nation should be turned overseas. It was to aid the Canadian people in this process that the Government wisely decided to apply for legislation to extend the parliamentary term so that it might not be necessary to hold an election during the period of war.

It might reasonably be expected that, with no election in sight, the members of the two great parties would refrain from attempting to arouse discord over matters of political importance. The Conservative party has recognized the advisability of subordinating political questions during the period of war, and it is most regrettable that Liberal party leaders have not seen fit to follow suit.

Reference to Hansard will show how Liberal members of Parliament have embraced every opportunity to create political prejudices in the House of Commons, and in the country even though it has been necessary to go to the very limit in the matter and tone of their contributions to the debates. Mr. Carvell and Mr. Pugsley have excelled themselves in the viciousness of their attacks upon the Government and have shamelessly demanded information which at this time should not be given to the public.

Not only have Liberal members in the House of Commons crossed the boundary between legitimate and illegitimate discussion and transgressed all rules which should govern at this time, but the party managers outside the House are laboring as actively as ever to keep the fires of political hatred alight.

The Central Information Office of the Canadian Liberal Party, the head centre from which all campaign literature is prepared and sent out, publishes one of the most biased and vicious of partisan publications under the name of the Canadian Liberal Monthly. That publication, which exists only for the purpose of misrepresenting the Conservative party and the Borden Government, is supported from the funds of the Liberal party and sold at a nominal subscription of 25 cents per year. It clearly comes within the category of campaign literature which, during war time, should be suppressed.

Notwithstanding the pledges of the Liberals to put aside political questions until after the war we find the managers of the Liberal Monthly, acting under the authority and in the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, are continuing their canvass for circulation. Even the nominal price of the publication seems to have lost its "punch" for, in a circular issued on February 25th, 1916, a personal appeal for subscribers is made in the name of Sir Wilfrid. Lest the "truthful" Telegraph should attempt to claim that the Standard is misrepresenting the facts, we reproduce the circular, of which the following is an exact copy:

Central Information Office of the Canadian Liberal Party.
Conducted under authority of The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., M.P.
Telephone No. Queen 5700. Rooms 601-612 Hope Chambers, 63 Sparks Street.

Ottawa, February 25th, 1916.
A Message from Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Dear Sir.—For the General Elections in 1911 there were polled throughout the Dominion 1,307,528 votes as follows:—

669,594 votes for the Conservative candidates.
625,103 votes for the Liberal candidates.
12,831 votes for Independent and other candidates.

Sir Wilfrid is asking that one-fifth of this total Liberal vote (625,103) or 125,020 persons subscribe for the Liberal Monthly at the 25c. rate. He maintains that every Liberal voter should be willing to subscribe and that many of our Conservative friends would also subscribe, if asked. This would give us a subscription list of over 700,000 but all he is asking is a little more than 100,000.

Since December 1st, the date on which the 25c. rate started, we have added 16,000 new names to our subscription list, an average of 134 subscribers from each poll, or about 70 subscribers from each Federal constituency. Only about one-tenth of the polls in Canada have as yet responded.

THE STANDARD BOYS IN KAKI DINNER GUESTS

Annual Dinner of Standard Employees Took Form of "Send Off" to Men in King's Uniform.

"The Standard boys in kakis" were the guests of honor at the annual dinner of the Standard employees held in the Standard restaurant on Saturday evening and the occasion was, in consequence, more than ordinarily interesting.

Since the outbreak of war eighteen members of the Standard staff have been called to the colors. Some of these are now in France and have been wounded in the service. At last year's dinner the guests of honor were Major Alfred Markham of the 14th Mounted Rifles, Lieut. J. Edgar March and Private James Gaulton of the "Fighting 26th." At the gathering on Saturday evening the guests were Alexander W. Thorne of the 14th, Lieutenant William G. McGinley of the 10th, Privates Thomas Mantel and Howard Jamieson of the 14th; Private Roger Chesley of the 115th and Private Harold Boyer of the 104th. William Waddington of the 104th band and Irvine E. Williams of the 104th were unable to be present, one being in the hospital and the other being confined to his home by illness. Gifts were conveyed to them during the evening.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter presided at the dinner with Lieutenant McGinley and Lieutenant Thorne seated on his right and left respectively. The tables, which were laid in the Japanese style, were prettily decorated and after the singing of the hymn, the national anthem was sung.

Following the dinner the irrepressible "Dutch" Ervin was called upon to make a presentation of a silver ring to Private Chesley, who before donning the kakis, was employed as elevator attendant in the Standard office. Mr. Ervin discharged the duty imposed upon him in his usual graceful and unhesitating style while Private Mantel made an appropriate response.

George Swetka of the mechanical staff of the Standard, in an excellent address, presented Private Howard Jamieson, formerly of the Standard news staff with a wrist watch and the recipient thanked the donors in a brief speech.

Edgar H. Nicole then entertained the company with piano selections and in response to special request, sang his favorite ballad "Three Jolly Smiths" in a style all his own. So realistic the effects produced by Mr. Nicole that the clink-clink of the anvil chorus could be plainly heard.

George Maxwell then officiated in the presentation of a gold signet ring to Roger Chesley of the mailing department and Private Chesley made a fitting reply.

"Happy" Jack Lang, foreman of the Standard composing room, then presented a gold signet ring to Private Boyer of the 104th and a gold signet ring. Private Boyer responded briefly.

Percy Gibson, "Uncle Dick," then favored the company with a well executed solo. H. V. Mackinnon "licking the ivories" as accompanist.

A. E. McGinley was then called upon and on behalf of the Standard presented to Lieut. W. Thorne of the 14th, former city editor of this newspaper, a pair of field glasses.

Lieutenant Thorne in reply enumerated the reasons which had led him to the kakis. He expressed his thanks to the company for the gift and his appreciation of the cordial relations which had always existed between the men in all departments of the paper.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter then presented Lieutenant William G. McGinley of the 10th with a pair of field glasses. In his presentation address Mr. Baxter voiced the regret of the company at giving up so many valued employees. The cause however was the greatest to which any man could consecrate himself and the departure of so many members of the staff had added materially to the difficulties of producing the newspaper, yet those under the command of the Standard boys in kakis.

Lieutenant McGinley, in a humorous little speech returned his thanks for the gift and also for the treatment accorded him while a member of the news staff of this paper. He looked forward, after the war, to returning to the Standard family in company with "Sandy" Thorne and the other guests of the evening.

Addresses were made by H. V. Mackinnon, William Atherton, J. L. Slattery and others and the gathering dispersed over what was voted a very pleasant evening.

AN IRISH MUSICAL GENIUS.
Some of His Songs.

Michael William Balfe was born in Dublin, Ireland, 1808. His father taught him the rudiments of music and to play the violin when only eight years old, receiving great applause for his performance at a Royal Exchange concert.

Five years later the death of his father so grieved him that he went to Charles Horn, the great musician, and in desperation besought him to take him with him to London. The great-hearted musician consented, and Balfe was soon able to improvise and

Little Benny's Note Book

The Park Ave. News.

Pop hasn't went to the automobile show yet, but yesterday Mr. Simkins was out in front of his house trying to get his automobile started, and pop went over and started to tawk to him, saying, Ah, Simkins, having a little trouble?

Not a bit, this is a Snider car and Snider cars never give trouble, I wooden own any other kind, sed Mr. Simkins.

Well that's interesting, because I was thinking of going to the automobile show and looking them over, sed pop.

In that an, well you cant go rong on a Snider, because Ill tell you wy, sed Mr. Simkins.

Wy, sed pop.

Ill tell you wy, sed Mr. Simkins.

Well, in the first place, wen it comes to climbing hills, youve got to have wings to beet a Snider car, sed Mr. Simkins.

And I suppose it comes down agin on the other side jest as reddily, sed pop.

O, that goes without saying, and then theres the matter of ternins, a Snider car can tern on a dime, you mite say, sed Mr. Simkins.

That sounds cheep enuf, sed pop.

I tell you I wooden own any other kind, sed Mr. Simkins, wen it comes to easy running and insipensive running, and every kind of rumble, youve got to go pritty far to beet the Snider, in fact you jest cant beet it, look heer, Potts, your thinking of buying a car and Ill help you out, this Snider cost me \$50 and Ill let you have it for \$50, to tell the truth, Im able to afford a Heins car now, do you want this Snider at \$50, its the bargen of a lifetime.

But I thart you sed you wooden own anything but a Snider, sed pop.

Neether I wood, sed Mr. Simkins, its my wife that wants it.

I think Ill take a chance on the automobile show, sed pop. And he went back home and I stayed there watching Mr. Simkins trying to start the automobile, asking him questions without him answering them.

compose music with facility.

Later Count Marzoni, who at sight of young Balfe grew pale and nearly fainted, explained that only a few months before he had buried his only son, whom Balfe so closely resembled that no one could have told them apart. So greatly did the Count feel attracted to young Balfe that he offered to take him to Rome, receive him into his family, and give him every opportunity for the highest culture. Horn advised him to go, and with his affectionate patron he went to Italy.

Balfe was ushered into a large but dingy palace, whose halls suggested the days of luxury. The servants threw open a stately portal, revealing a splendid suite of rooms flooded with soft radiance and royally furnished, in which a queenly maid and beautiful girl awaited their strange guest in welcome. It was as if the dead had returned alive. The mother, with the abandon of her race, caught Balfe to her breast, covering his face with tears and kisses and uttering the most touching endearments, suggesting "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls."

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SPECIAL SERVICES.

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1. She wore a lovely bow, kakis was the name.
2. Before he boarded the vessel many boys.
3. She sealed up in envelopes all the papers.
4. Adjusting his skates he took to the ice appeared from view.
5. It was a strong box made entirely of iron.
6. There's not a land on this world (Let none gainsay these words from Lake Canada, the land I love, Where pleasant meadows and all are free.)
7. He had always enjoyed good health, carelessness in diet.
8. The loud cries of the babe echoed through the room.

To the two kiddies who send in the most ten results, I shall award a beautiful story reach this office by Wednesday, 22nd March. usual coupon, and addressed to:

: UNCLE DICK
: THE ST.
: ST. JOHN, N.B.

whose decision must be considered as final.

Drawing and Painting

Above are shown sketches of four animals who can paint or draw them best I shall award books.

No boy or girl must be more than fifteen years of age. Entries must reach this office by Wednesday, the usual coupon, filled in, and addressed to:

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AID SOCIETY PRAISED BY CENTENARY PASTOR

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, pastor of Centenary church in the course of a sermon last night on "The King's Business," referred to the work of the Children's Aid Society. He spoke very highly of the men and women "who have been working without remuneration of any kind to promote morality and to aid in the uplift of the community."

Rev. Mr. Barraclough said he would not have made any reference in this connection had not a systematic and deliberate attempt been made to undermine and hamper their work. He was glad that the attempt had failed, and he assured the members of the society that they had the support of the community in their good work.

A Twilight Organ Recital will be given by Mr. D. Arnold Fox under the auspices of the Society of Church Workers, in the Stone church, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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