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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.

THE CARVELLITES AND THE WAR.

To the ordinary layman, unfamiliar with the lights and shades, the devious deeps and subtle shallows of the Liberal political conscience, it is not easy to follow the line of reasoning adopted by the Provincial Opposition party in selecting a candidate to contest Carleton County in the coming bye-election, while permitting the Attorney General, a cabinet minister, ranking second only to the Premier, to secure his election by acclamation in the County of St. John.

When the convention of Opposition supporters in the County of St. John failed to secure a candidate to oppose Hon. Mr. Baxter, they blatantly announced through the columns of the Telegraph that their decision to permit the seat to go uncontested was due to conditions of grave peril confronting the Empire. In a bombastic and prolix resolution they rehearsed the alleged crimes of the Government, indulged in insinuations against Hon. Mr. Baxter, and then attempted to mask the paucity of election material in their own ranks by the excuse "there is a greater peril to all Canada and the Empire at the present time because of the greatest war in the world's history which has diverted the attention of the people from political matters, a war that has caused all political leaders in Great Britain and Canada to declare a truce to party strife in order that the political passions of the people may not be aroused and all men may work in unity and harmony for victory over the enemies of our Empire and for the safety of our country. Therefore Resolved, in view of this and following the example of greater parliaments where consideration of questions of importance to the Empire have been postponed until the end of the war, your committee very reluctantly advise against a political contest in the County of St. John at the present time."

The Standard is quite prepared to believe that the decision of the committee and the convention was reached "very reluctantly." If they could have found a candidate with any better chance of election than had Mr. Foster in 1912, when he saved his deposit by only five votes, they would have brought him into the limelight even if they had to use force. No such little thing as an Empire war would have sufficed to assuage the political hatred of the Carvell-Carter-Cope rans if there could have been the slightest chance of victory. But the disgruntled bosses of the provincial Grid machine found they were but mere cogs after all and could not even muster their expected supporters. The convention delegates reported the people of the county independent of politics, almost to a man were behind Mr. Baxter, so they decided not to risk a fight against certain defeat and "very reluctantly" permitted the election to go by default. While in this decision they turned down the machine, and are entitled to much credit for that action, even more praise is due to them for demonstrating that Mr. F. B. Carvell possesses absolutely no influence in this constituency. After his grand stand practice during the sessions of the Royal Commission, Mr. Carvell aspired to be a figure of at least provincial importance, so he paraded up and down the country frequenting centres where men do congregate and, with his usual blarney, announced that something was "about to drop" in St. John County. It did drop, but—unfortunately for him, Mr. Carvell was beneath.

In Carleton County it was different. Not that the Opposition party have any more chance of success there than they had in St. John, but Carleton is Mr. Carvell's own county, and the seat for which the election is to be held is that formerly held by Hon. J. K. Fleming who, after the next federal election, will represent Carleton in the Dominion instead of the Provincial House. Mr. Carvell was cornered in his own rat-hole and like his noxious prototype forced to make a bluff at fighting. He demanded an opportunity, but even in the face of his demand it was necessary for him to make two speeches and a personal appeal to the Liberals of Carleton before they agreed to find a victim to pull the Carvell chestnuts out of the fire. Two young men selected, Mr. Simms, is probably a very decent young citizen, but he has permitted his political ambitions to over-balance his judgment, and the result cannot but be disastrous for him. If he had appeared before the people of Carleton, or any other county, as a candidate seeking office in support of a party principle, or a party platform, or espousing some side of an important issue, or, at least, would be prepared to credit him with possessing the

courage of his convictions. As it is, he is merely to be regarded as Frank Carvell's man, ranking in this regard with such eminent purists as E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot; not very encouraging to a young man with his future ahead of him but, in the light of circumstances, an absolutely correct appraisal.

In Carleton County the boom of the cannon on the Empire battlefields was drowned by the bellowing of Carvell sounding "the last stand." The war which "a General by the name of French" is so successfully conducting in behalf of the British Empire was as nothing when compared with the Carvell demand for a show of strength or weakness as it is likely to prove.

The war served as an excuse in St. John where the Carvell influence did not weigh up to expectations, but in Carleton, where the prospects of Opposition victory are not one whit better, it could be contemptuously tossed aside until again resurrected by one of the ponderous intellects of the Carvell clan to do duty as a makeshift apology for party weakness.

In the situation as it stands, Mr. Simms, the victim in Carleton, and Mr. Robinson, the agreeable political weakling in the leader's robe, have much in common. Both are the unseeing tools of brutal and unscrupulous political opportunists. But they cannot hope to fool the people of this province by their masquerading. Although they claim to represent a revived and reorganized party with new ideas and ideals, the public can see beneath the garment and glimpse the grim, forbidding scowl of F. B. Carvell and the smug, crafty visage of one William Pugsley. It is the same old gang, merely covered by a new coat.

ST. JOHN AND MONTREAL.

Accepting an invitation extended by Hon. J. D. Hazen, the members of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the port of Montreal will be in the city today to make a thorough inspection of this port and the facilities completed and in course of construction.

Montreal is the great Canadian summer port, and, largely through Mr. Hazen's efforts, this port is likely to become the great national winter port. It is most essential that there should be thorough and complete co-operation between the two great ports and their administration. St. John can learn much from the experience of Montreal, and as the Montreal Commissioners have made a practical study of harbor facilities and port development, there can be no doubt that after an inspection of the facilities we now have, and an outline of what we will have when the plans are completed, they can offer much valuable information as to the course of development to be pursued.

The three gentlemen who will be St. John's honored visitors today, were all well known in Montreal business circles, even before they accepted appointment to the harbor board. Mr. Ross, the chairman, was formerly manager of the Montreal Street Railway Company in the days when that company was grappling with the problem of transit in a city growing almost more rapidly than car lines could be extended. He is the second M. S. R. man to devote his abilities to civic or municipal questions. Mr. F. L. Wanklyn administering a term as comptroller with much acceptance.

The members of the Montreal Harbor Board administer the affairs of a port which is rapidly outstripping all other American ports in the race for import and export business. At present its volume of business is greater than any other Canadian port, and it is distinctly to the credit of St. John to recall that this is the only port in Canada to beat Montreal in the proportionate growth of business since 1896. In total volume, however, Montreal is passed by only two or three of the greatest American ports, so it can be seen that a visit from men who grapple with the problems presenting themselves in a port of that magnitude is of more than ordinary importance both as an event of the present, and in the bearing it may have on the future of St. John.

Business conditions at present are far from normal, and the regular transatlantic traffic, like everything else, must be interfered with to a greater or less extent. But in the days to follow the Empire war there must come a great stimulus of all business between Canada and the war-ridden, devastated countries of Europe, and it is to that time of development when men will look. Hon. Mr. Hazen in inducing the Montreal men to see what facilities St. John has to offer, and securing their experienced views

as to policies of future development, is adopting a plan which will not only bring the ports of St. John and Montreal into closer co-operation, but will work to the great benefit of the Canadian winter port in the future.

After viewing the mess which the Times last evening dignified with the name of his picture young Mr. Simms, of Carleton county, will probably agree that political aspirants must be prepared to take a goodly portion of the bitter with a little of the sweet. The misguided young man has our sincere sympathy.

Shoulder to Shoulder

BY FLORENCE M. SMALL,
Harvey, Albert County.

We live in wondrous times, my lad. When all the world's at war, And every nation bears its load, And many a heart is sore, But keep your courage up, my lad, For England's in the fight, And we'll stand by her, every man, Till Right has conquered Might.

The war's been planned this many a year By the German War Lord grim. He thought he'd like to rule the world, With the capital—Berlin. He somehow got a queer idea That he could get us running, But by this time, another "think" To Kaiser Bill is coming.

"Behold me! Alexander's son, Napoleon, Caesar, all in one! And now march on, for soon," quoth he, "I fall would dine in gay Paris. And take the shortest route, my men, Through Belgium-by-the-sea. A scrap of paper's all between, And that don't worry me."

So off they started, William's men, And laid poor Belgium waste, "Do what you like," the order given, So long as you make haste. But here John Bull put down his foot, And said he'd take a share, And though they started for Paris, They somehow, are not there.

That made poor William very cross, (He has a shocking temper), Said he, "I'll teach those English dogs A lesson they'll remember, And so he's pounded at our men, But hasn't done much winning, For Tommy Atkins pounds him back, And fights and keeps a-grinning.

Of course, we've met reverses, And it hasn't been a picnic, But now we're in, we'll see it through, If it takes till Judgment Day! So keep your courage up, my lad, Old England's in the fight, And we'll stand by her, every man, Till Right has conquered Might.

Canada's Four Great Responsibilities

(Christian Science Monitor.)

In no quarter of the world, perhaps, has the far-reaching influence of the European war been exemplified with sharper distinctness than in Great Britain's most important possession, the Dominion of Canada. Although separated from the mother country by an ocean's width, Canada is knit closely to the island kingdom, not only by political and commercial associations and interests of tremendous importance, but by every tie of sentiment, and binds together the vast English-speaking empire. Canada's concern in England's welfare, indeed, is so intimate that the provinces of the Dominion responded with the promptitude of British shires to the emergency call that issued from the Imperial Parliament early in August.

This call, the nature of it and the responsibilities connected with it, have changed, in the last five months, the entire current of Canadian activities. In the first place, Great Britain's cause became the Dominion's, automatically; in the second place, the changed conditions forced Canada to look inward rather than outward for means of meeting all of its needs; in the third place, the stoppage or impairment of industries dependent on overseas commerce made necessary the prevention of unemployment by the adoption of a policy of extensive public works construction, and in the fourth place, the Dominion must look to its own resources for home protection.

The manner in which each and all of these responsibilities have been assumed and met by the Canadian government and people has been set forth in the news columns of the Christian Science Monitor. Since Canada's is an English-speaking country, bred to British traditions, trained to British ideals, impregnated with British democracy, of course it was "unprepared," as "unprepared" as the mother country has ever been, "unprepared" as its neighbor to the south, a country of similar origin and characteristics, proverbially is. And yet, five months after the call came, five months since it was thrown upon its own resources, it is confident in its preparedness. The Dominion of Canada may be taken today as a world object lesson in the results of a system that is employed in the making of citizens rather than in the training of warriors.

A TAXLESS PARADISE

The Isle of Man has a code of laws entirely its own. The island has never been ruled by the laws of England, and although Parliament reserves the right to make any imperial enactment applicable to the Isle of Man, the privilege is seldom or never exercised without consultation of the Manx people. These happy islanders have no armed forces to maintain, no income tax, death, estate or stamp duties to pay, and their customs duties are in most cases on a lower scale than in the United Kingdom.

Manx women, too, have special privileges. Every female adult, widow or spinster, in the Isle of Man, whether she be owner, occupier or lodger, has a vote for the House of Keys elections. Every female adult, whether she be owner, occupier or lodger, has a vote for the House of Keys elections. Every female adult, whether she be owner, occupier or lodger, has a vote for the House of Keys elections. Every female adult, whether she be owner, occupier or lodger, has a vote for the House of Keys elections.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE.

My Cousin Artie and me played we was birds down in our front hall this afternoon, first Artie being the egg and me being the mothir bird and setting awn him a wife, and then he startid to jump around like a baby bird, beeing hatched.

Peep, peep, I wunt sum worms, I wunt sum worms, sed Artie jumping around. Cocker doodle doo, ill go and dig you sum I sed. Wich I went out to the ice box to do, flapping my arms as if I was flying, and there was ony vun worm in the ice box, beeing a banana, wich I took it in my mouth like a bird and hoo up to the back stairs and slid down the banistire to the front hall agon with the banana still in my mouth, looking jest like a mothir bird flying down to its child with a worm, ony I slid down so fast I slip rite awf of the end insted of stoppin' in time, landing awn the floor with sutch a fears hump that pop calm out of the setting room and looked down stares, sayins, For the luv of Peet, wat are you doing, brakings up housekeeping?

No sir, we're playing birds, I sed. Well if it requires awf that commoshin youd bettir play sumthing less ferocious, like insects or germs, sed pop. And he went back in the setting room, and Artie sed, Peep, peep, im going to eet the worm.

And he startid to reetch for the banana were it had fell awn the floor wen I slid awf of the banistire, and I kwick grabbed it, sayins, Hey, you dont no enuff to eet for yurself yet, ill feed you. And I unpeeled the banana and took a big bite out of it, and then I held it out so Artie cood take a bite, and then I took anuthir big bite and Artie yelled, Hay, hooz worm is it, enyway. And he tryed to grab it awf from me and we raseled awf around the hall, bumping aginst the wawls and awf and seitch taking a bite out of the banana every time we cood get neer enuff to it, and pop calm out of the setting room agon, sayins, Say, down there, wat in the naim of diskord are you playing now.

We're still playing birds, I sed. Well to be sure, sed pop, if youre still down there in 2 minits ill kum down and lick you both. So both birds went out wiping the banana awf of thare faces to see if eny of the uthir fellos was enround.

arate estate unless specially protected, ghter was dangerously ill in Brussels, before marriage, and can make no as the result of an operation. Since will without the leave of her husband, that time nothing has been heard from her.

MAKING SEARCH FOR COUNTESS DE BUIESSERET

Wife of Belgian Consul at Petrograd was Miss Storey of Washington—Germans Refused Her Permission to Join Husband.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Bryan is endeavoring, through the German government, to locate Countess De Buiesseret, formerly Miss Caroline Storey of this city. When last heard from she was in Brussels. The Germans in control of that city would not permit her, it is said, either to join her husband, who is Belgian Minister at Petrograd, or to communicate with her mother in this city. Miss Storey recently received, through friends, information that her daughter was dangerously ill in Brussels, before marriage, and can make no as the result of an operation. Since will without the leave of her husband, that time nothing has been heard from her.

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