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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.

ELECTION RUMORS.

Although the Canadian people are not disposed to pay attention to the question of a Dominion election before definite pronouncement is made upon it by responsible parties, yet it must be regarded as a live issue by the Liberal newspapers for we find them devoting much space to all sorts of rumors and surmises as to the Government's alleged intention of an early appeal to the electorate. The Telegraph, on Saturday morning used more than two columns of space in a laborious attempt to prove that if an election should come during the period of the war the responsibility would be on the shoulders of the Government.

Of course the Liberal argument cannot be substantiated. Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues have no wish to plunge the country into the strife attendant upon an election until the larger questions of Empire have been settled. But at the same time the Premier is mindful of the duty which he was entrusted by the people of Canada and that duty was to administer the affairs of this country. Naturally the desire is to have government through channels directly responsible to and representative of the people. If this cannot be obtained then the whole purpose of popular government must fail.

During the past few years the Government has been handicapped by the hostility of the non-representative Senate. Measures which have been adopted by the representative branch of parliament have been strangled in the legislative chamber and the will of the people thwarted. If Sir Robert Borden should see fit to take the opinion of the people as to whether the Senate or the Commons shall administer the affairs of this country would he not be perfectly justified?

But it is not the wish of the premier or his colleagues that such an appeal shall be made during the period of war and consequently he is prepared to go to all reasonable lengths to avoid it. But is it fair that he should bow to the whims of the Liberal leadership in the settlement of this question? That, apparently, is what the Telegraph and other Liberal newspapers expect him to do, to continue parliament until Sir Wilfrid Laurier shall say, "now, think look pretty good for us, let us have an election."

Laurier is not prepared for an election today while the Government party holds the complete confidence of the people. If an election were held it would mean the certain return of the Government for another term and the knowledge of this is probably responsible for the clamor of the Liberal press.

The Canadian Government is grappling with a mighty task, a task in which it should have united support and co-operation. How have the Liberals, as represented by Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues, afforded that support? Wherever the opportunity offered they have attempted to create political capital, and while Liberal leaders from the public platform have preached the importance of single mindedness and unity, privately they have encouraged the smaller fry of the party to continue to the guerrilla warfare which is typified by the carping criticisms to be found in the columns of the Telegraph and in the public utterances of small-bore Grits. Is the Government bound to endure this sort of thing without demanding that the record of both parties shall be submitted to the people and the people permitted to choose between them? If the Government elects to take the medium of the ballot box to decide whether the people believe in the criticism made by the Liberals who can blame them? Certainly not the Liberal party or the Liberal press who, if called upon to fight an election in war time, will have none but themselves to blame.

As yet, however, there has been no announcement of the Government's intention and consequently the attitude of Liberal newspapers can only reflect their own fear that a test by ballot may be made. Sir Robert Borden when asked concerning it, a few days ago, said he had had other things to think of. That is scarcely the expression to be expected from a man who is reported to be ready to divide Canada into two political camps. There is no doubt that if the Premier deems

it necessary to ask for an extension of the parliamentary term he will make his proposals openly and above board. That is the character of the man. The Liberals will be given every chance to do so, but if they prefer to continue to play the game of politics in this day and hour then the opportunity will probably be presented to them in no uncertain fashion. We shall then see whether the "tide of Liberalism" is rising quite as rapidly as the Telegraph would have its readers believe.

A DASTARDLY ATTACK.

As an example of that fine brand of Liberal patriotism which would avoid an election while indulging in the meanest and most despicable sort of political attacks, the Telegraph, on Friday morning last, gave space to an editorial from the Toronto Globe entitled "Patriotism or Politics," from which the following "gem" is taken:

"It may be Hon. W. T. White also knows Canada's most dangerous enemies at this moment are not the Kaiser and his Hunns, but are the ministers of the crown who, for themselves, and the private interests an election might serve, shout loyalty from the housetops but are conspiring for the third time within a year to sell Canada's birthright for a mess of pottage."

This dastardly charge that there are in the Government of Canada ministers less worthy of trust than the murderer of Berlin and his blood-crazed subjects is so miserable that it might almost be written down as the product of a disordered mind. But when we find the Telegraph, that self-styled champion of purity and concord, giving publicity to such utter rot then it must be admitted that it merely affords evidence of the length to which the machine element of the Grit party is prepared to go in playing the political game.

At no time in the political history of Canada has there existed the slightest excuse for such a foul and miserable attack. Least of all in this hour, the most serious and trying Canada has ever known, should it be given publicity.

The newspaper originating the article copied with such glee by the Telegraph, the Toronto Globe, is the same newspaper which, a year or so ago, was ready to libel Canadians by damning Downing Street; it is the same newspaper that fattered the iniquitous reciprocity pact which it adopted would have done more to sever the bonds binding Canada to the Empire than could be undone in a generation; it is the same organ of "public opinion" which led in the attack on the Borden proposal to grant aid to the British navy at a time when the British Admiralty indicated such aid would be particularly welcome. The Toronto Globe led in the jeering against the thought of a German menace, a menace the realization of which today has caused the blood of thousands of Canadians to be spilled on the plains of France and Flanders and has brought the searing iron of poignant woe into many homes in this country. Yet the Telegraph, which professes to be second to none in its loyalty, finds space for the republication of such unwarranted trash.

Since the hordes of Prussians first crossed the Belgian border and caused the British Empire to step forward and bar the path against those who would unseat justice and plunge humanity into a period of blood, lust and strife, the members of the Borden Government have worked early and late in the interests of Canada and the Empire. Never was a government confronted by such problems, never did a government handle such a situation so well or so loyally. No effort was spared which would aid in proving to the world that Canada was willing to make any sacrifice for the cause of liberty and freedom. And these men, men who worked early and late in the solution of the most questions that must come in the performance of their great duty are now to be rewarded by the impudent statement from the chief organ of Liberalism that they are more dangerous enemies to the country to which they are devoting their time and talent than the Kaiser and his Hunns.

What do the thousands of loyal New Brunswickers, whose eyes are not blinded by the dust of extreme party

ism, think of the brand of loyalty and single mindedness displayed by the Toronto Globe and the St. John Telegraph? And what will their answer be when they are asked by those newspapers to repudiate the men who, doing Empire's duty in the period of crisis, are made the subjects of such despicable insult.

There will be general sympathy for Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his illness and the hope that he will speedily recover. Although the leader of the Liberal party is well advanced in years his constitution, strengthened by a particularly clean and abstemious life, is still vigorous and it will be the wish of all his admirers, no matter what their political allegiance, that he may be long spared to lead the Canadian opposition.

The 26th is safe in France, according to reports received by friends of men in that battalion. In course of time they will be on the fighting line and they may be depended upon to uphold the best traditions of those brave Canadians who have gone before them.

The Patriotic Fund must be sustained—help the canvassers today.

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WEDDINGS.

McDonald-Magee.
Miss Mabel Evelyn Magee, daughter of Dr. W. H. Magee and Mrs. Magee, formerly of Parraboro, was married in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, on September 8th, to Allison McDonald, Dr. Magee was at one time Principal of the Parraboro schools. He is now the inspector of the schools of Northern Saskatchewan and resides in North Battleford.

Wallace-Moore.
A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Mechanic Settlement, on Wednesday, September 15th, at 3 p. m., when their daughter, Anna Reta, was united in marriage with John Elmer Wallace.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Stavert of Norton, assisted by R. H. Scott, catechist of the Waterford congregation, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The wedding ceremony was held on the lawn. Some sixty guests were present. The young couple were unattended. The bride was becomingly attired in white satin with bridal veil and orange

Little Benny's Note Book.

PUDS SIMKINS.
Puds Simkins is a friend of mine,
He weighs 100 pounds,
And can give pretty good imitations
Of peanut wisess and uhlr sounds.

The reezin we call him Puds is
Awn akkount of him beeing so fat,
And the reezin we call him Simkins is
Because he was born with that.

His hare is natchterly korny
And the ladys think its grate,
Beeing the prinserpil reezin
Wy Puds wishes it was strate.

Hee in my class in publick skool
And also was last year,
Hee bettir than me in joggriffy,
But I can run much fastir.

He takes lessins awn the peano
Awn a man with dubbel chln,
Wich while he is taking them, he aint aloud out,
And noboddy elts is aloud in.

We stand outside the windo
Wile hes prakting in the moorning,
Any yell, Hay, Puddle, hurry up,
And we jiggle the parier awning.

Puds Simkins is a friend of mine
And Im a friend of his,
But if I say Mary Watkins is my gerl,
He sees, Like fun she is.

blossoms and carried a bouquet of pink roses and maiden hair ferns. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Wm. Bustard and the bride was given away by her father.

After the ceremony all sat down to a dainty repast. The large number of beautiful and useful presents testify to the popularity of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace left on the evening train for Moncton, Truro, Halifax, Digby, St. John and other places in the Maritime Provinces.

On their return home Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will reside in Mechanic Settlement.

All together—be generous to the canvassers.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mary Ellen, wife of Martin Penney, at her home, 256 Pitt street, in this city. Mrs. Penney was the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Hachey of Bathurst, N. B., and beside husband and parents, is survived by one son, Wilfred L., one daughter, Mary Ellen, both of this city, four brothers, Robert, Maurice, William and Joseph, all of Bathurst, and one sister.

The deceased had been suffering for some time and her death, although a severe shock to a host of relatives and friends, was not unexpected.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

On the morning of the 19th inst. at her mother's residence, 6 Cranston avenue, Mary, beloved daughter of Annie and the late Wm. Scott, leaving her mother and three brothers, funeral on Tuesday 21st inst. from her late residence. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock. The brothers are: Alexander, of Amherst; William and Robert of this city. Miss Scott was a member of St. Stephen's church and was very popular among her friends.

St. Stephen, Sept. 19.—Mrs. Jenny Laslin died at her home on Union street, Saturday morning after a few weeks illness, at the age of 64 years. Her life had been devoted to deeds of quiet kindness, and her memory

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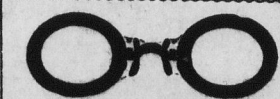
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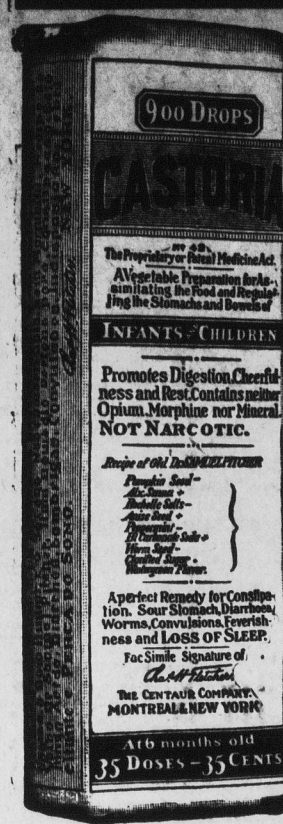


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FUNERALS.

The funeral service for the late Wm. Elliott was held on Tuesday at the residence of the deceased, Mrs. A. E. Killam, by Rev. G. A. Lawson, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by H. A. Goodwin, pastor of the Methodist church. The church was crowded with people. The service was held at 2:30 o'clock. The interment was at the cemetery.