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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.

AGAIN THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The statement made last evening by President J. A. Likely, of the Board of Trade, and published in full in this morning's issue, is a most remarkable production coming from the chief officer of a supposedly non-political body. It will repay careful perusal if only to note the care Mr. Likely has evidently taken to avoid extending credit to Hon. J. D. Hazen for the work done by him in the interests of this port.

The Board of Trade president admits that the business to be done through this port this winter will tax "to their fullest capacity" the harbor facilities, but he fails to mention that these facilities have been very considerably increased as the result of Mr. Hazen's interest, or that, anticipating the rush of business, the Minister of Marine exerted himself to provide warehouse space with all possible speed and that directly due to him much additional accommodation has been provided.

Then, in the next paragraph of his address Mr. Likely declares that "St. John is treated as a way station"; evidently the fact that the business here would tax facilities to their "fullest capacity," or that "we will have the largest export shipments through the port this winter that we have ever had," as previously set forth by him, escaped attention when the opportunity presented itself to condemn the Minister of Railways and the manager of the I. C. R.

Mr. Likely also attempts to score the government because the I. C. R. elevator has not been rebuilt, conveniently forgetting that the destruction of the elevator occurred after the outbreak of the war and that, during the intervening period, the Government has been fully occupied both as to time and financial resources. He also appears to have forgotten that it was decided, and with the approval of the Liberals in the House of Commons, that while such extraordinary demands incidental to the war were being made upon the financial resources of the country it would be inadvisable to undertake large public works. The I. C. R. elevator will probably be rebuilt but such partisan complaint as that of last evening is not likely to have the effect of facilitating the work.

Reference is also made to the fact that work on the extension of the breakwater to Partridge Island has not been undertaken but there is no word of condemnation for the action of Mr. Pugsley who, when the estimate was under consideration in the House of Commons, suggested that the work could wait well. In view of the generally pessimistic mood possessing Mr. Likely when the address was prepared, it is most surprising that Mr. Pugsley so easily escaped. Can it be politics?

It is desirable at this time that questions of political character should be subordinated. Liberals as well as Conservatives profess to subscribe to that doctrine. It is also admitted that there is room for the Board of Trade to do good work in the interests of St. John, but we do not believe such politically jaundiced productions as that of President Likely can accomplish any good purpose beyond affording an excuse for Grit party newspapers to rail at the Government, and to create the impression that what should be the most representative and public-spirited commercial organization St. John possesses is not satisfied with the efforts of the best cabinet representative this city and province has ever had at Ottawa.

Hon. J. D. Hazen has done most valuable work for St. John. He is using every effort in behalf of this port, but he is not to be stampeded by hysterical utterances of any member of the Board of Trade or any other organization. If the Board desires to foment the keenest sort of political division in this constituency such productions as Mr. Likely's address will speedily achieve that result. The statement of the Board of Trade president not only does flagrant injustice to Mr. Hazen, but is unfair and insulting to the Minister, the Hon. Government and the Conservative party.

WHERE CARE IS NECESSARY.

While the people of St. John and New Brunswick have shown a splendid spirit of generosity toward the soldier boys at the front, and those who have been invalided home, yet it would appear that there is room for the closest scrutiny and most careful discrimination in the distribution of some of the gifts thus generously provided in order that the best results may be attained.

The Standard, for instance, has learned of the case of one soldier so unfortunate as to lose both feet while on active service, and who, in the distribution of gifts and comforts, was thoughtfully provided with several pairs of socks. Another, so seriously injured in the face that he was preparing to undergo an operation, the aim of which was to provide him with a "nasal organ" was given a box of choice handkerchiefs.

In a Convalescent Home, not a thousand miles from St. John, kindly persons sent a quantity of reading matter for the inmates. A consignment recently received was made up very largely of copies of a magazine devoted to the science of house-keeping. Beyond doubt such a publication is valuable in its own sphere, but so can imagine more interesting material for a wounded soldier's reading than articles describing the most approved methods of converting a biscuit box into a folding bed, or a coffee tin into a fashionable flower basket.

Admittedly our people are generous and have done, and are doing, splendid work. But it appears that by a little extra care on the part of some one, ludicrous and sometimes painful errors might be avoided.

A WELL MERITED APPOINTMENT.

That it is the intention of Hon. J. D. Hazen to see to it that men who have rendered service to the Empire shall not remain unrecognized is once more evidenced in the case of the appointment of Kenneth W. Blair to a position in the Railway Mail Service. Mr. Blair, who was one of the first men to don the uniform of King and Country, left St. John with the Army Medical Corps in the First Canadian Contingent and saw more than four months hard service in France and Flanders before receiving his discharge as medically unfit. He has been at home since November.

A few weeks ago "Bud" Tippetts of Fairville, who was wounded while on active service in France, returned to his home and, through the influence of Mr. Hazen, was appointed to a position in the Customs Service.

In both cases the course of the Minister will meet general approval. The man who surrenders the ties of family and civilian life and dons the khaki at the call of duty is deserving of any position in the gift of his country that he is competent to fill.

THE CASE OF MR. STEWART.

The Globe remarks: "The coming of 1916 finds Mr. A. J. H. Stewart still a member of the Provincial Legislature. Why?" Because Mr. Stewart was elected to that position by the votes of the people of Gloucester county. He was not appointed to office by Premier Clarke, Attorney General Baxter or any other member of the Government of New Brunswick.

Mr. Stewart has not resigned, and there is no statutory law in this province by which the Premier or any of his colleagues can force him to do so. In any event no action in his case can be taken until the Legislature meets.

Knowing these facts, a continuance of the agitation can only be due to a desire to embarrass the Premier or his colleagues.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Monthly—A Bank Friend, \$5.00; Friend "P.P.", \$10.00; Clarke, A. H., \$5.00; Guild, H. E., \$2.00; Owens, E. G., \$2.00; Connell Hush, \$5.00; Hayward, W. H., \$5.00; Merritt G. Wetmore, \$10.00; Magee, Mrs. R. M., \$1.00; Wetmore, H. W., \$5.00; Jordan, W. C., \$5.00; Vesdie Mrs. W., \$1.00; Brodie Wm., \$10.00; Emerson, R. B., \$5.00; Jack, Andrew, \$10.00; Higgins, Geo. I., \$1.00; Golding J. N., \$1.00; Skinner, A. O., \$5.00; Doherty, W. L., \$2.00.

A Prayer For Peace.

Almighty Father, from Thy throne on high,
Associate Thy children's supplications
To Thee ascending, while the roar of guns
In battle-tumult shakes the earth and sky.
Heal broken hearts bowed down in agony.

Amid the tears and sobs of little ones:
Let blessed forgiveness stir the Nations' sons,
Whichever side may claim the victory.

O God, may soon this frightful carnage end;
Grant peace, a blessing, waiting
Waiting Earth shall hail,
With Liberty and Freedom's flag unfurled,
In faith sincere, repentant, may we blend.

Our prayers: Have mercy, Lord, let Love prevail,
"Peace and good-will" throughout the whole wide world.
Cocagne, N. B.

Bringing Home a General

(Boston Transcript.)
Despite the insignificant part the Cossack is playing in the present war, compared to his past achievements, it is said that the very name Cossack inspires a salutary terror in every Russian breast. The chieftains with which the Austrians invariably hallooed pikemen, alarmed even the Cossacks themselves.

From an Austrian point of view, such nervousness had many obvious disadvantages, and one of the generals operating in Galicia decided he would attempt to explode the fiction of Cossack invincibility. To this end he issued most positive orders that, at all costs, a Cossack was to be taken prisoner and brought to him unharmed. The task he thus set his men was not an easy one, but, somehow or other, it was duly accomplished. A genuine, live Cossack was one day produced in his presence.

The general who was on horseback at the time, told his men to give their prisoner freedom of action, and then, without dismounting, him appease his hunger and thirst. The general said, "You see," the Cossack eats and drinks just as you or I do. There is nothing superhuman about him."

Next, the prisoner was ordered to walk about and talk. The general was determined his troops should have a thorough object lesson and judge with their own eyes that a Cossack was really a man like themselves. Finally, to complete the demonstration a sword was put into the prisoner's hands, and he was told to show his audience how he used it.

The Cossack appeared to enter thoroughly into the spirit of the thing, and gave quite an interesting display. Everybody was highly entertained. Meanwhile, the swordsmanship rapidly evolved a scheme of his own. After a time he manoeuvred in such a manner as to get behind the general and suddenly leaped upon the horse, seized the general round the waist, gripped the horse's flanks firmly between his knees and, in a flash, was off like the wind with the general seated in front of him.

The general was too stupefied to utter a sound. As for the soldier, their first momentary impression was that this was part of the performance. By the time they had recovered their senses of mind, it was too late to do anything; the Cossack had hold of the reins, and there was no stopping him. To use their rifles was obviously out of the question, as they would have risked their own general. The groups of men encountered might but none of them had seen the beginning of the affair, and they were unable to make head or tail of the strangely assorted couple. They simply stood aside and gave the flying horse and rider a wide berth. The Cossack did not draw rein until he had safely deposited his prisoner in the Russian lines. There the Austrian general had plenty of leisure to curse the day when the idea he had been so proud of had entered his head.

WEEK OF PRAYER AUSPICIOUSLY BEGUN IN CITY YESTERDAY

The annual Week of Prayer commenced in the city churches yesterday, and despite the stormy weather the meetings were well attended. The meeting of group 1, was held in the Coburg street church. The leader was Rev. A. P. Hodges, and the speaker was Rev. E. A. Westmoreland. Group 2 meeting took place in Queen Square church at which Rev. Hammond Johnson was the leader, and Rev. W. O. Raymond was the speaker.

The Group 3 meeting was held in the Charlotte street church, West St. John, and was conducted by Rev. J. H. Jenner. Rev. W. G. Lane was to have been the speaker but was unable to attend owing to illness.

Group 4 meeting was held in the Douglas avenue church. The leader was Rev. J. Chas. B. Appel, while Rev. J. A. MacKinnon was the speaker.

Today's Programme.

The programme for today will be: Group 1 at Exmouth street church; Group 2 at St. John Presbyterian church; Group 3, Carleton Presbyterian church, and Group 4, at Portland street church.

The first Bible Society meeting will be held in Ladlow street church tomorrow.

Little Benny's Note Book

Me and pop was taking a walk today and we met Mr. Lewis on the street, and pop stopped to talk to him, and while they were talking to each other Mr. Russell started to come up the street, and Mr. Lewis said, "Heer comes Russell, you've heard about the new addition to his family, haven't you, Potts?"

My no, we'd did all that happen, and pop. Last week, you're behind the times you awt to congratulate him, and Mr. Lewis.

I will, I will, and pop. And when Mr. Russell came up he said, "Hello Russell, old man, allow me to congratulate you."

Don't mention it, and Mr. Russell. Serenely ill menshin it, and pop, if a new addition to the world's poppyshin least worth menshing, I don't wat is, Russell, old man, you're in luck.

No doubt, no doubt, and Mr. Russell. Wy, man, you awt to be all covered an inch thick with smiles, you don't no wgn you're well awf, Russell, I insist on shaking your hand, and pop.

O, if it gives you any pleasure, and Mr. Russell. Good by, and Mr. Russell. And he went away mad looking as anything, and Mr. Lewis started to laugh, saying, "Ha, ha, that's the time I put one over on you Potts, ha, ha, wy, Russell's wife presented him with his 2nd pair of girl twins and he hates girls and has bin wanting a boy the worst way meny happy returns of the occasion, ha, ha, ha."

Hang you, Lewis, he owes me 5 dollars, to, and now I'll never get it, and pop.

Many happy returns of the occasion, how haw, and Mr. Lewis. Come on, Benny, and pop. And we keep awn wawking.

Why hair falls out
William by a majority of 253. The vote was:—For local option, 1,409; against, 1,662.
At Port Arthur the vote was 1,289 in favor, and 874 against. This, while a straight majority of 415, fell eight ballots short of the necessary three-fifths majority of voters.
Carleton Place, Ont., Jan. 3.—Local option was carried here today by 565 votes for, to 289 against.

LOCAL OPTION BY-LAW

LOST IN PORT ARTHUR
AND FORT WILLIAM.

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 3.—Local option was defeated today in Port William. Port Arthur gave a majority for, but fell eight votes short of the necessary three-fifths.

The by-law was defeated in Port

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Address.....
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