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### WHERE BORDEN FAILED.

In parliament yesterday Mr. E. M. MacDonald read a letter from a Canadian colonel who has been overseas since 1914. In that letter the colonel said: "If the people of Canada knew what goes on here in the waste of public money the creation of jobs for disgruntled politicians and wire pullers, it would make very interesting reading for the Canadian people, but our mouths are closed so long as we wear uniforms. In the opinion of many officers here the life blood of Canada is being exploited to glorify the Tory party, and I believe that opinion is true."

One of the saddest and most humiliating facts about the war, from the standpoint of Canada, has been the failure of the government to rise above partisanship. Everybody knows that the patronage committee was never more active than it has been since the war began. Had there been broad-gauge leadership at Ottawa in 1914, Sir Robert Borden would have abolished the patronage committee and called to his aid the best of the country had to give, regardless of political affiliations. He failed to do so, and as a result the country is today far short of having done what he declared it would do. There will be a long score to settle when the war is over.

### THE TWO PARTIES.

The Times comments to its readers the speech of Mr. E. S. Carter, delivered at Norton last evening, and a report of which appears in this issue. Mr. Carter not only presents the case as against the government, speaking from the record and from reports of royal commissions, but he explains the opposition policy in relation to the crown lands, the roads, and prohibition, in a manner that is clear and unequivocal. Mr. Carter makes it clear that the opposition does not propose to assume or be saddled with responsibility for any of the acts of a government which was dealt with by the people in 1908. The issue before the people is the record of the government since 1908, and especially since 1910, and whether the people should endorse the acts of that government, or place in power men pledged to reform the whole administration of public affairs. Much water has flowed under the bridges since 1908. Starling revelations that shocked and shamed the province have proved to the people that whatever may have been the sins of any former government they were but mild faults in comparison with the greed and plunder of the last five or six years. The opposition stand pledged to replace the carnival of graft by honest government. If they should fail, they in turn should be condemned, but they should at least be given the opportunity to make good. That opportunity was given to the men who are now seeking a new lease of power, and we all know their record. They deserve no support, and to return them to power would be a confession that there is more partisanship than patriotism, and more regard for graft than for honesty in the province of New Brunswick.

### AFTER PROHIBITION—WHAT?

One of the strongest reasons for social service organization in St. John is the fact that the saloons are to be closed the first of May. Not only should a public sentiment be aroused that will ensure a strict enforcement of the law, but there is the question of what is to take the place of the saloon in the life of a great number of men. The people cannot too soon take this whole question into consideration. We are moving rapidly toward a condition of affairs which will radically effect the daily lives of enough people to keep all the existing saloons in the city in a flourishing condition. The saloons will go, but their patrons will remain, with a good deal of leisure time to spend in some form of recreation or amusement. They will represent a great deal of energy which might be diverted to good uses if the proper appeal were made in a proper manner. It goes without saying that if the men of drinking habits decided to devote their spare time to more useful activity, and backed it up with even a fraction of the amount of money spent annually for liquor, they would do a great deal toward making St. John a cleaner and better city. Those who are not interested in social service work, and all who labor for better living conditions, should consider seriously the question of making prohibition a far greater boon to St. John than would result from the mere abandonment of the drinking habit. What people do when they have nothing in particular to do determines very largely the state of society. The period immediately following the adoption of prohibition in St. John will be a testing time, offering opportunity for a great development of community welfare-work.

### STATE KINDERGARTENS

A bill to establish the kindergarten as a part of the public school system in Maine is to be introduced at the present session of the state legislature. An Augusta letter says: "Under direction of the Bureau of Education at Washington, and the National Kindergarten Association of New York, decided impetus has been given to the kindergarten propaganda in re-

cent years. The establishment and maintenance of kindergartens by law is now required or permitted in all states except one and reports from various sections of the country afford ample evidence of measures taken to co-ordinate the work of the kindergarten and primary school. The movement to give legal status to kindergarten education in Maine originated with the Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs. Keenly alive to the advantage of kindergarten training for the 32,800 children in the state in the formative period of life—from four to six years—that organization invited the Maine Federation of Women's clubs to co-operate with it in its efforts to get the matter into some definite form of action."

At a conference in Augusta this week letters of endorsement were read from the school board and superintendent of Bangor, and from the chamber of commerce, teachers' club, and many other clubs; while Mrs. Deborah K. Livingston of Bangor, who is well known in St. John, was present and spoke for the movement from the standpoint of a parent and a social worker of a national reputation. "The superintendent of schools at Old Town and Orono endorsed the movement by letter, as did the president of the Maine branch of the Parent-Teacher Association and many other organizations. Glenn W. Starkey, state superintendent, sent a letter offering to do anything in his power to aid the movement. Hon. Payson Smith, commissioner of education for Massachusetts, who is also well-known in St. John, wrote as follows: "This institution (the kindergarten) more than any other, has stood for the sound principle, that education deals primarily with the growth and development of the child. It has done more than any other institution to make our methods of education conform with the natural laws which govern human growth. Certainly, nothing can be of greater importance than that all children should have the advantage of a right start in their institutional education. I shall hope to hear that throughout the state there will be renewed interest in the establishment of kindergartens for all children."

The following was received from Miss Mary Archibald Smith of Halifax, Maine, writer of many kindergarten books and lecturer upon kindergarten subjects: "I believe that the provision of the necessary number of kindergartens in every community and their support by the state, constitute one of the rights of the child. I believe that such a beginning of education is the only just and reasonable one that any expense it involves is the greatest degree of economy in the production of a good citizen."

The information here given is from the columns of the Bangor Commercial. It will add force to the argument in favor of having the kindergarten made part of the New Brunswick school system, as was urged by the recent Social Service Congress. It may be hoped the local school board will at least agree to provide space for free kindergarten classes in the fine new school building in Douglas avenue. To refuse to do so would be an extraordinary course of action.

Germany has rewarded President Wilson for his lofty professions of humanitarianism, and of the desire of the United States to be just and gracious and merciful, by telling him that they will hold on to Gerard until they learn what he does with Bernstorff. The delicate intimation that the United States is not to be trusted to treat a foreign ambassador decently, unless there is a hostage somewhere, will surely get under the skin of even President Wilson. The American who does not resent that insult is not very proud of his country or himself.

### AFTER THE FIGHT

It is better to lose with a conscience clean. Than to win by a trick unfair; It is better to fall and to know you've been beaten. Whatever the prize was, square. Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal. And the cheers of the standers-by. And to know down deep in your inmost soul, A cheat you must live and die.

Who wins by trick may take the prize. And at first he may think it sweet, But save it is truly won, You will hate the thing when the crowds are gone. When he'll wish he had met defeat; For the man who lost shall be glad at heart. And walk with his head up high. While his conqueror knows he must play the part Of a cheat and a living lie.

The prize seems fair when the fight is on. But save it is truly won, You will hate the thing when the crowds are gone. When he'll wish he had met defeat; For the man who lost shall be glad at heart. And walk with his head up high. While his conqueror knows he must play the part Of a cheat and a living lie.

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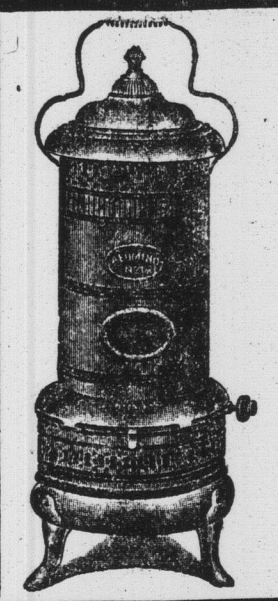
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### TO LIST HOUSES UNIT FOR USE

Halifax Board of Health Approves Proposal of Housing Committee of Civic Improvement League

(Halifax Echo.) The City Board of Health has its attention directed to the housing problem yesterday afternoon. It was a regular meeting of the board and besides the members and officials of the department were present: Mrs. Mader, Miss Wisdom, D. Macgillivray and C. Blackadar and E. N. Blois, of the housing committee appointed at a public meeting some time ago.

On being invited to address the meeting Mr. Blackadar submitted a copy of the following resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the committee: "Resolved: that the board of health be requested to compile for the information of the public a list of those places at present occupied and which are unfit for habitation, together with the names of the owners, the assessed value and the rents charged, the said information to be published."

Mr. Blackadar said the problem of housing had divided itself into two parts as before the committee, one as to the conditions of some houses now occupied

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by poorer people of the city and the other as to building houses that could be rented at a reasonable rate to people of limited means. The resolution was in connection with the first of the information referred to. As president of the Poor's Association he could assure the board the information sought by the resolution would be of great assistance in the work of that body and he hoped the suggestion would find favor with the board and the course suggested carried out. The present situation must be met, as housing conditions appear to be now growing worse year by year, and members of the board would possibly be amazed at the rents collected from poor people in some cases for poor accommodations. The committee were of opinion that the health inspectors might visit houses referred to and report on them in many cases if the occupants were required to vacate premises occupied they would have no place to go, but it was felt that in such cases where one family left a house another might be prevented from going in, and good service being done in that way.

Dr. McKay, the chairman, said the board had had cases to grapple with where the tenants could find no place to go.

Mr. Blois said there were a number of places in the city unit for habitation and suggested the city might find available a building which could be used for temporary shelter of families vacating unit premises.

The chairman suggested the Board of Control might give more attention to that proposal and spend less time on talking water meters and thus accomplishing much good.

Controller McKen said that if a good survey of the city could be had as to tenement conditions, rentals charged, etc., and made public, the effect would probably be to correct conditions. The city could not be expected to build housing accommodations, as some larger cities had done. Some of the houses referred to were owned by estates and difficult to get at, but the owners of property would likely desire published the fact that poor people were being herded in tenements.

Dr. McKay referred to conditions of many houses on Water, Grafton and Albermarle streets. Tens must be kept running to prevent the water from freezing and that was why there was complaint and indignation from the service at the north end.

Mrs. Mader said the idea of coming to the board was to secure co-operation from that body as public health trustees. In the past twenty-five years a good deal had been done in housing conditions, and if conditions are to continue improvement it would seem that better accommodations for working people must be provided. It is a problem

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