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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.

CANADA'S FINANCES.

Considering the strain the war has placed upon Canada's resources it is expected that when Sir Thomas White delivers his budget speech shortly after the opening of the House of Commons, he will be able to present a good financial statement. Canada's fiscal year ends on the last day of the present month, and it is expected that when that time arrives our revenue will total about \$250,000,000, or some \$20,000,000 more than last year.

Since the war began Canada's revenue has nearly doubled. In the first year it was \$130,000,000 and rose during the second twelve months to \$170,000,000. Last year it touched \$232,000,000 and for ten months of the present fiscal year (to January 31st) it registered \$208,540,755. This is an average of more than \$20,000,000 per month, so it is a safe prediction that the full year will go over the \$250,000,000 mark.

Despite big revenues the Government has practised economy and the result is reflected in the latest financial statement. On account of consolidated fund the expenditures for ten months were \$113,457,924 and on capital account \$21,841,533, or a total of a little more than \$135,000,000. For the ten months the balance of revenue over expenditure was something more than \$80,000,000, and at the same rate for the remainder of the fiscal year Sir Thomas should be able to show a surplus of more than \$100,000,000.

Of course these figures take no account of war outlay, but it is interesting to note that in the current year Canada has saved enough to pay \$100,000,000 on that bill. The war expenditure for the ten months was about \$190,000,000, or less than expected. At the same rate the full year will show an expenditure for war purposes of \$230,000,000. These figures represent only the expenditures in Canada, and take no account of the costs of our forces overseas, which are being met by the Imperial Government because of the difficulty of exchange. To offset Britain's expenditures on our overseas armies Canada is paying Britain's bills for provisions and supplies in Canada, and it is believed that the accounts will balance. Altogether the showing for the year is likely to be an excellent one and will reflect credit upon those administering the affairs of the country. After three and one-half years of war Canada, in proportion to the magnitude of her effort, is in a better position than any other part of the Empire. This is decidedly encouraging.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

The agitation in favor of daylight saving for all Canada during the coming summer seems to have died away. At any rate nothing has been heard of it for several weeks. It was reported that the measure which Sir George E. Foster submitted to the House of Commons last session would be re-introduced this year, but a recent statement from Ottawa indicated that the Government would do nothing about it unless there was a widespread demand for the change which will take one hour of daylight from the early morning and add it to the early evening, when it can best be enjoyed by those who work in offices, stores or factories and who find their leisure in the evening hours.

The experience of St. John last summer was that local or sectional attempts at daylight saving do not work well. There is no question that the added hour of daylight proved a boon to a great proportion of the people, but it was also inconvenient for many others. Much of the inconvenience could be done away with if the change was made general, or even provincial, but if it is to be merely local, as heretofore, it is not likely to be more successful in the future than in the past.

It is strange that the greatest measure of support for daylight saving comes from the West, where, naturally, the evenings are the longest. In western cities and towns there is light in midsummer until an hour corresponding almost to midnight in St. John. Regina and Saskatoon last year pronounced strongly in favor of it and there was a movement on foot in the latter city to have the plan made province-wide. Nothing was done in that regard, however, and Saskatoon newspapers intimate that because of the inconvenience caused by the local adoption of daylight time it may not be put into effect this summer.

If there is an intention to adopt daylight time in St. John an effort should at least be made to make it province-wide. Such action would have the effect of removing the confusion due to having different systems of time in towns separated by but a few miles. It

once adopted as a province-wide measure the popularity of daylight saving would be greatly enhanced.

ACCIDENTS TO AVIATORS.

Quite recently, several New Brunswick boys, one a resident of this city, who had been training with the Royal Flying Corps in Texas, met with fatal accidents, and this news was followed shortly by the announcement that Captain Vernon Castle, husband of the famous dancer and motion picture star, and himself a leading exponent of the terpsichorean art, had been killed while engaged at an aviation training camp. The Toronto Mail and Empire bases an interesting editorial on the death of Captain Castle, in the course of which it says his death was not the result of carelessness, but was in part attributable to the blunder of a novice, and in part to the failure of his own machine to answer to his control.

Continuing the Mail and Empire says: "Those who have witnessed what appear to be the reckless 'stunts' of many aviators, which sometimes result fatally, are inclined to blame the operator for foolhardiness, but it has been explained by Lieut.-Col. Charles E. Lee, of the British Royal Flying Corps, now instructing in the United States, that an aviator must be taught 'stunts.' That they are attended by considerable risk is not to be denied, but Col. Lee points out that it is better to run the risk when the aviator is in training than, not knowing how to perform them, to become the certain victim of the first enemy aviator the young flyer encounters at the front."

"He insists that unless a pilot can turn his machine any way and every way at any time in order to manoeuvre for position all the straight flying in the world will not help him when he has to fight." In an encounter between enemy aviators it is the man who can outmanoeuvre the other who wins.

"The flyer who is not used to side-slipping, nose-diving and other tricks will be at a serious disadvantage if, when he desires to employ one of them for the first time, he is under enemy fire. The more he has practised these stunts in training the more automatically will he perform them when his life depends upon their perfect execution. Aerial acrobatics are a necessary part of the training of an aviator. It is unfortunate that they demand such a toll in human life, but the casualties among our flying men would be ten times as great if they were not instructed in what may look to the ordinary spectator as mere useless 'showing off.'"

THE MUNICIPAL HOME.

That the committee which visited the Municipal Home yesterday would find the place scrupulously clean was expected. That they should decide that the Home is capably managed is not a surprise. Their conclusions bear out exactly what this newspaper has contended, that the regulations rather than the management are responsible for present conditions. The three needs of the institution at the present time are new regulations, the segregation of diseased and mentally deficient inmates from those who are merely unfortunate, and from children, and the appointment of women as members of the Municipal Home Board.

NO PLACE FOR BRYAN.

William Jennings Bryan, one-time Secretary of State in the Wilson cabinet, was literally "bawled out" of Toronto last evening. The memory of Mr. Bryan's activities as a pacifist on the other side of the border, proved a greater obstacle than his silver oratory could overcome and Toronto would have none of him. All of which affords a fairly good indication that Canada is not a particularly congenial stamping ground for men or women of the "peace at any price" clan.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE.

As the result of the soldiers' vote the Union Government's majority has been increased from forty-six to sixty-four. The men who were defeated by the civilian voters and elected by the soldiers should in future regard themselves as special champions of the cause of the men in khaki. And there is no doubt but that they will.

A BIT OF FUN

Sensibilities. "Aren't you slightly mixed in your European geography?" "I'm afraid so," replied the highly elegant person. "I try to study the maps, but the color scheme gets on

my nerves terribly."—Washington Star.

Box of Candy. Her—Thanks so much for this candy. You know I have a sweet tooth. Him—I—er—bet you also have a sweet mouth.—Florida Times-Union.

In the Crowd. "What's that man doing?" "Counting noses, my dear." "Where's my puff? I gotta dab on some powder before he counts mine."—Courier-Journal.

A BIT OF VERSE

YOUTH LIVING, TO YOUTH DEAD. Our Day has passed us by! Alone we stand, In exile from our comrades, who are They gave their youth with joy, their lips to death, Life clings to us, having denied this bread.

O you who faced the morning, who in calling, Across Death's magic spaces got reply, Who stretched your hands for stars—to find them crown you, Bless us but once, before you pass us by.

True all the treasures of your sweet endeavor, Lie heaped before us in a carven chest, Scribbled with your deeds of beauty and of suffering, You O Brothers, England, ere you marched on "West."

What if the key to all this flaming splendor, Lies in its glittering beauty in our hand? How shall your million, million tales enchant us, Tipping our thoughts with fire, when we must stand.

Alone, among a newer people risen, To strange new ways, reaping what you did sow, See—Life has kept us from you. Yet Bless us but once, bless us before you go.

Then if these newer years, down their new roadways, Draw our reluctant feet, we'll fling each deed, With which you "jeweled" the noble name of England, High as those stars, far invisible stars which breed.

The web of splendid light, We'll crest the morning, With all the utter glory of your Name, Till England, that new England, which you died for, Shall same effulgent, married to your Fame! —Nicholas Fagan.

CANADIAN OFFICERS BACK FROM FRANCE

A ship arrived in port yesterday with five carloads of mail, a fair cargo and a number of passengers including seventeen officers, the majority being home on a furlough. Among the officers to arrive were the following:

Lieut. Bennett, of Toronto, has been recommended for a D. S. O. He is a member of the Royal Flying Corps in France and received injuries while in conflict with an enemy craft.

Captain Tabernacle, of Prince Albert, a veteran of the famous Princess Patricia, C. L. I., and now a member of the Royal Flying Corps.

Lieut. T. W. Jackson, of Toronto, who was with the Royal Flying Corps, is en route to his home to recuperate from injuries received from a crash while flying in England.

Captain Racey of Montreal, who went overseas with the 228th Forestry Battalion, is now a member of a Canadian engineering unit. He recently returned from France where he was on special duty.

Dr. Ord, of Toronto, who was decorated with a Croix De Guerre for special services rendered to the French, is returning on a furlough, after being in France for over two years.

Lieut. W. L. Lawrence, a famous rugby player of Toronto, is en route home to complete a course of studies in medicine. He was originally attached to an artillery unit, but is now with the R. F. C.

Sub-Lieut. Plone, of Ontario, is also en route home on a furlough. He was awarded a medal for conspicuous gallantry.

Lieut. Messerol, of Montreal, who was with an Imperial artillery unit, is en route home for a well earned rest. He has been recommended for a D. S. O.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Last Saturday afternoon me and Puds Simkins and Leroy Shooter was each coming out of the library all together with a book under our arms, and a man with a long white mustash and a high hat and a cane stopped in front of us, saying, Well, well, a refreshing site, upon my sole.

Meaning me and Puds and Leroy Shooter, and we stood there looking at him, me wondering if a white mustash felt any different than any other color mustash, and he sed, Wat mite your names be, my lads?

Meaning wat were they, and I sed, mines Benny, and his is Leroy and his is Charles but we call him Puds for short.

Indeed, well, well, upon my sole, how very boy like, sed the man, this site does my hart good, upon my sole. In these terrible war times, wen all is slawter and thaws of bludd, it is indeed refreshing to see 3 earnest little fellows like you trudging home with books under your arms to satisfy your literary and artistic needs, with your little minds far from all thaws of violence and carnage. Its refreshing, upon my sole its refreshing.

And he stood there looking down at us and we stood there looking up at him, and he sed, And wat mite be the titles of your books? Mines The Boy Scouts in War, I sed. Mines With Dick Manly Over The Top, sed Puds Simkins. Mines In The Front Line Trenches, sed Leroy Shooter. Upon my sole, sed the man. And he wawked away shaking his hed, and us fellows kepp on going home with our books.

ALEXANDRA TEMPLE WAS AT HOME TO FRIENDS LAST NIGHT

Excellent Address by Commissioner McLellan Dealt with Prohibitory Law and Part Police Took in Its Enforcement.

The members of Alexandra Temple, No. 6, T. of H. and T., were at home to their friends last evening in their hall, Main street, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended the gathering. The feature of the evening was an address by Commissioner McLellan, who dealt with the part the police have taken in the enforcement of the prohibitory law. He gave statistics showing the falling off in the number of arrests for drunkenness in the year 1917, only eight months of which were under prohibition and of the number of cases dealt with in the court of violations of the law in regard to selling. He also made a plea for backing from the Temple in their effort to obtain a share of the money collected in fines.

The chair was occupied by Past Chief Templar G. W. Blawett. Miss Milbury sang a couple of solos most acceptably and a short address was given by A. M. Belding. The boys of Pleasant Point section were the special guests of the evening.

In introducing the speaker of the evening Mr. Blawett referred to the fact that Commissioner McLellan was a North End boy and known to most of the members.

In beginning his address the commissioner afforded his great pleasure to address the Temple, one of the foremost organizations in the temperance field in the city and one which had done yeoman service in the fight for prohibition. He congratulated them on the fact that after forty seven years of effort they had last year arrived at the port of destination with the prohibition flag flying at the mast head, and said he would be glad to render any assistance in his power to keep it flying. But the speaker reminded them that their work was not done when the prohibitory law was enacted but they must now face the task of maintaining and enforcing that law and stated that by reason of his civic position he was enrolled with them in maintaining the law and assured them that so far as police department assistance was concerned it would be forthcoming. There would be different classes of violators of the law, those who would be confined to bootleggers alone. This meant fight and a fight to a finish for their cause was just and there could only be one result.

As evidence of the work of the police the speaker read the following figures: "Arrests for drunkenness in 1915, 825; in 1916, 1,216; in 1917, 635; for violation of the Liquor License Act in 1915, 48; in 1916, 71; in 1917, 122; as the dealers were not in business after May 1, 1917, the increase in violations must be attributed to the activities of the bootleggers."

"Since May 1, 1917, up to February 20, 1918, there have been 92 persons proceeded against for violations of the Prohibition Act. Of these 56 cases are credited to the police and 36 to the inspectors employed for this particular work, but in addition to the 56 direct cases credited to the police there should be an additional credit of 14 as in the case the information was secured through the 56 arrests made by the police. This would mean 70 cases of the 92 to be really credited to the police."

The speaker contended that the city should get a portion of the money paid in fines and asked them to support a memorial to be sent by the mayor and commissioners to the government asking for a fifty-fifty division of the fines collected in this city, as, unless this was done the police appropriation would have to be increased in order to deal with the bootlegger problem.

Speaking further on the bootleggers the speaker declared that they were well organized and a force of at least

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forty, of whom twelve were women, were operating here and he hoped to send at least two of the ring leaders to Dorchester within the next year.

At the close of the address the chairman asked all in favor of the petition for a division of the fines to stand and the response was unanimous. Votes of thanks were extended to Commissioner McLellan, Miss Milbury and A. M. Belding.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Noble Blizzard.

The death of Gertrude, wife of Noble Blizzard, of North End, occurred at an early hour yesterday morning at the General Public Hospital, after a few days illness. Mrs. Blizzard leaves eight children—the youngest twins of seven weeks—her father, mother, four brothers and three sisters. Burial will be at Brown's Flat.

Mrs. Michael Logue.

The death is announced in South Boston of Mrs. Michael Logue, formerly Miss Julia Sullivan, of St. John.

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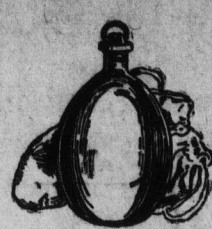
Mr. Charles R. Tait, Newtown, N. B., writes: "I was nearly always troubled with headaches, and would often have to stop work for a day or two. I lost many a night's sleep every month with bilious sick headaches, and although I tried doctors' medicines, and also many other patent medicines, it was without success. When I had these headaches I would vomit, and could keep nothing on my stomach."

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Dr. A. S. Macoe, J. P., endorses the above statement, and says:—"This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Charles R. Tait, and believe his statement in every way to be true and correct."

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