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CARLETON-VICTORIA.

Liberals everywhere will read with pleasure of the very enthusiastic convention and public meeting at Andover Monday where the Liberals of Carleton and Victoria counties selected as their candidate for the House of Commons the present Federal member for Carleton, Mr. F. B. Carrell, K.C.

The convention and the fine public meeting in the evening were both of a rousing character, and Liberals who read of them, not to speak of those who were present, will see that when the elections come the Conservatives and their standard-bearer, the late Premier of this province, will encounter quite all the fighting they can accommodate, and no doubt a lot more.

WAR COMMENT.

When General French struck at Neuve Chapelle, London was unable to decide whether this marked the beginning of a general offensive by the British and French, or whether the British commander had merely seized a favorable opportunity to straighten out his line at the point attacked.

turns news; but the Grand Duke is not likely to sit still, and the Germans do not now so weaken their forces in the East that Germany may be invaded.

Meanwhile, he goes on to say, it is known that the Allies in the West are confident and strong; strong not only at the front but in the depots and camps, which are crowded with men.

"PATRIOTISM THE LAST REFUGUE."

Mr. A. E. Fripp, Conservative M. P. for Ottawa, has been actively engaged, with other Conservative members, in blocking inquiry into certain malodorous transactions which the Public Accounts Committee has had under review.

"A LITTLE IRREGULAR."

The elusive Mr. Berry was a witness before Commissioner Chandler Tuesday in the investigation brought about by Mr. E. S. Carter, and his testimony and that of others, including the Deputy Minister of Crown Lands, proved the Liberal organizer's case fully and in short order.

THE "PROBLEM" OF CARLETON-VICTORIA.

In "The Westminster" for March is an article on "Canadian Problems" by Principal John McKay, of Westminster Hall, the Vancouver theological college.

that German line for fifteen miles might cost 75,000 casualties. This is on the assumption that attack and defence would be of the same quality in the later stages.

There are thousands of people in that constituency and throughout this province who bear Mr. Fleming no ill will, to whom knowledge of his guilt is a cause of disappointment and regret, but who, nevertheless, will set their faces sternly against the attempt of the Conservative machine to "brass it out."

HELIGOLAND.

Will the British blow up what remains of Heligoland? The Weekly Scotsman publishes an interesting map and sketch showing the former size and the present extent of Heligoland, and giving other information that may surprise the ordinary reader.

SOME CONSERVATIVE "WAR HORSES."

Testimony both shrewd and amusing was given in great volume Thursday at Ottawa concerning Conservative purchases of horses for war purposes. It will require considerable sifting of the facts brought out.

AT OTTAWA.

The rather novel idea is advanced in certain quarters that the exposure made by parliamentary committees at Ottawa with respect to the expenditure of public money in connection with war supplies should not be the subject of public comment.

Conservative members of parliament who have attempted to conceal or to minimize the wrong-doing exposed.

The independent Conservative press, by its attitude, is greatly weakening the campaign of thick-and-thin partisan Conservative journals which have attempted to persuade the country that there is no ground for complaint or alarm.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A remarkable suggestion was put forth yesterday in its leading editorial by the Mail and Empire. It was discussing the party trace, and its suggestion was that if a general election were brought on the Liberals should show the sincerity of their peace talk by proposing that there be no contest, each side being allowed to return to the House unopposed the members it now has there.

FOSTER BOUGHT "SKATES" FOR WAR.

Ottawa, April 7.—How spavined, sprung-kneed, wind-broken, thrived-year-old war horses were bought for the government in Kings county, Nova Scotia, by A. DeWitt Foster, M.P., and W. P. McKay, secretary to John Stanfield, M.P., chief whip for the government in the commons, was told the public accounts committee today.

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Mr. Foster's sensational evidence was followed by evidence equally sensational from other horse vendors in Kings county. One reputable farmer sold one of the horses which the government's agents purchased being bought some time ago by one of its various owners.

Another one told of a case where, after the government's horse experts had declined to buy a horse, he telephoned home to "send down the old mare."

WAS TOO OLD FOR SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

These were samples of the kind of horses which the government bought, although men's lives depended on them. As a culminating bit of evidence, it was brought out that one of the horses, which the government purchased this time, was actually rejected at the time of the South African war on account of its age.

ABOUT TWENTY YEARS OLD.

Witness added that he had only known the mare about an hour. He had bought her from another man for \$115. "I didn't want to know just how old she was," he naively remarked. "They were buying horses, and I was selling."

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"He rejected one of mine." "What was the matter with this horse?" "It had a lump on its knee."

Harvey then gave a little more of the history of the sorrel horse which he had sold for \$90. This war steed had been sold at one time for \$10 to a man named Ulman, and then it had passed through three other hands.

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STUMPED DIDN'T Berry, On W \$2,900

Maintains the Traber Company Admits the "Company's Books" Cross-examination Charge Fully

Frederick, April 6.—Timber limits bonus for the Miramichi, the "bag" and J. K. Fleming of New Brunswick characters in that far the "Switching" of the

But it was not to above board. The de lands and mines, that Colonel Leggie, swore a party to the Miramichi. Berry made all the in fact, he was ignor payment, and that the money never reached

This testimony provoked contention to the hill. Berry swore that he did as he did by Mr. Frister. He had no pr they were only verbal him for a promise. He handed to Brankley, a personal receipt for the check was not made p the breadth of the com Brankley personally. He counted books to the coe, most of them typ the old story, "the book were in New Branswick. It transpired that the \$2,900.00 payment, the of \$2,900.00 made to th Berry \$30,000. Leggie swore that he was crediting the amount overpaid in 1910-11. T common, and had been by the Surveyor-General Tweddie, Dunn and Sw

The commissioner of Baxter, and while giv his decision materially the breadth of the in And there is appear Actions speak loud Mr. Baxter is full of

And now the invest poned until "after the definite and how sat trembling members at this province who kno would be if all the fa W. H. Berry.

When the inquiry H. Berry was stru told his story glibly ance of typewritten asked to explain the given by the Dalhou pany, he said it was Mr. Brankley to reim Lumber Company for them by the departa totaled \$2,900.00, made \$2,900.00, the forme Nica.

To Mr. Carter—T ance on Sept. 7, 191 would not be a prev Attorney-general—T books show the date Mr. Berry took in 1911 the Miramichi the regulations by lumber. The logs h stream before the to my attention. I f company to the amount was a double stump cordance with depart July 1 Mr. Rundle protesting. He afterw ter, claiming it was Rundle was scaling u tem." I asked that duced. Mr. Rundle would not meet us