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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.

IN CARLETON COUNTY.

We cannot view the political situation in Carleton County from the same angle as those active Foster government partisans who are also connected with the movement to fill the vacancy in Carleton's representation in the House of Assembly by electing by acclamation a farmers' candidate who shall give an independent support to the present government.

The gentleman most prominently identified with this plan is Mr. Andrew D. McCain, who was a defeated candidate in the last provincial election and who has always been a Fosterite partisan. At the last Dominion election Mr. McCain was a Unionist supporter, Hon. P. B. Carvell, but as he had always supported that gentleman in previous elections we find difficulty in believing that his feelings were swayed by the circumstance that found him continuing under the Carvell banner, even though Mr. Carvell appealed to his constituents as a member of a government led by Sir Robert Borden—a gentleman with whom Mr. McCain had previously had nothing in common.

In the present case it is the success of the Foster government rather than the triumph of a farmers' candidate with which Mr. McCain is most concerned, hence the stipulation that the candidate selected shall give an independent support to the Foster government. Just what "independent" means in that connection The Standard does not know. And we do not believe Mr. McCain knows, for it is reported he is to be the candidate in the case and we confess it is most difficult to couple his name with any degree of political independence. Just why it should be necessary to attempt to bind a "farmers' candidate" to the support of any party it is difficult to see. If he goes to the Legislature as a farmer his plain duty is to give his support to the party that will advance the interests of the class he represents. And with Hon. J. F. Tweeddale as Minister of Agriculture, this party will not always be the Foster party.

And, for that matter, why a "farmers' candidate" at all more than a machinists' candidate, a carpenters' candidate or a teamsters' candidate? Is it because Mr. McCain happens to be a farmer that the Fosterites are so anxious to try to steal the support of other farmers who are not Fosterites? And, lastly, why should this movement find its birth in Carleton County, where a straight Foster candidate has so little chance of election that the government does not dare open the constituency without first throwing up all sorts of outworks and erecting the elaborate camouflage of a farmers' party to mask the position of their guns. We cannot believe that the enlightened electors of Carleton will be caught by any such maneuvering. That constituency has been robbed of one third of its representation for much more than a year. It is now up to the Foster party to do the decent thing. Let the constituency be opened, the candidates of both parties be nominated and the contest go on in the old time honored way. And if the farmers' party camouflage is to be adopted let it be tried in Westmorland or Restigouche, where vacancies are said to be likely to occur in the near future.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

One of the most important reforms effected by Union Government is the elimination of patronage in connection with appointments to the Canadian Civil Service. In other days the chief requisite for a place on the public pay roll was that the applicant should have the approval of ward workers allied with the political party in power. Fitness for service was a secondary consideration. As the result of the operation for years of such a system the Civil Service fell into disrepute and came to be regarded as a place of refuge for political workers who had either earned the reward of place or had outlived their usefulness. The system was bad, but no worse in Canada than elsewhere. Neither of the great political parties dared to suggest a departure as radical as to evolve a complete change and although during the years from 1911 to 1917 first attempts at improvement were made, (the patronage system of political appointment recording its most flagrant abuses during the rule of Laurier), it remained for the Union Government to take a firm grip with the evil and to insist that for appointment to public positions in the pay of the Canadian people fitness for service should be the first requisite, that in every case an equal chance shall be given to all and that political considerations shall not enter into the reckoning.

One benefit of the elevation of the

Civil Service to the dignity of a life work should be an improved service and this will become increasingly apparent the longer the new system continues. Some encouragement will be offered for boys and girls to train for the Civil Service as for any other profession or calling, for appointments will be made solely upon the result of competitive examinations and merit in service will bring promotion. This is the system which, for years, has been in vogue in England and the British Civil Service is, admittedly, the finest in the world. With the new status Canada will enjoy after the war, the improved salaries that are bound to follow increased efficiency and the certain knowledge that a "government job" no longer means but a place of refuge in which to spend one's declining years at a meagre salary, the Canadian Civil Service will offer a more attractive avenue for a life work. The bringing about of such a condition will stand as one of the very finest achievements of Canada's Union Government.

STRIKES IN CANADA.

Certain of the newspapers are blaming the Ottawa government for strikes in Canada. These same papers overlook the fact that Great Britain, the United States and a few other countries also have strikes on their hands. In fact there were more persons thrown out of work in five New England States this month by strikes than were on strike in the whole of Canada this year.

These same know-it-all economists, who are generally slow in advancing the wages of their own employees, have frequently blamed the government for the high cost of living, a condition practically world-wide. It may also be remarked that the high cost of living is not the only cause of strikes. When wheat was selling at 70 cents a bushel and less, and when other commodities were also low, thousands across the border struck against reductions in wages. Even abnormally high wages will not prevent strikes, as in the case of the shoemakers of Massachusetts and certain of the textile operatives who are receiving more than \$30 a week.

SOUR GRAPE GROWERS.

The little Englishers and little Canadians who occupy editorial chairs in some parts of Canada continue to maintain that Premier Borden and cabinet ministers had no right overseas, where they went to take part in the councils of the Empire. The narrow minded, small souled element which, like some useless canines, is constantly snapping at someone. The eminent Transcript statesman is also pestered apparently because he was not invited to join the party of Canadian newspaper men abroad. In his estimation there are few real journalists in Canada except himself, and he probably attributes that to the fact that he was not born in this country.

When the Transcript man speaks of joy riding by cabinet ministers he has undoubtedly forgotten some former ministerial parties in private cars, and the absence of cabinet members from the country for weeks during the free and easy days of the Laurier administration, which was absolutely perfect in Editor Hawke's estimation, even if Sir Wilfrid himself did not always think so.

THE BOERS AND THE WAR.

It was inspiring news that came by the cables the other day to the effect that in the attack on Meterin on July 17 particular gallantry was displayed by the South African troops and that among those who participated in that struggle were some of the men against whom Great Britain waged war in 1899-1900. The enemies of other days have now become the prime upholders of the Empire, willing to give their blood in its behalf. Incidents such as that at Meterin will furnish inspiration to the historians of the future. The Boers at Meterin won a military success and at the same time Britain scored a political triumph by demonstrating to the world that the British system of Empire building successfully employs the principles of fair play and justice to convert enemies into supporters.

A BIT OF VERSE

DEAD TO THE LIVING

By Lawrence Binyon.

O you that still have rain and sun,
Kisses of children and of wife,
And the good earth to tread upon,
And the mere sweetness that is life
Forget not us, who gave all these
For something dearer, and for you!

Think in what cause we crossed the seas!
Remember, he who fails the challenge
Falls us, too.

Now in the hour that shows the strong—
The soul no evil powers affray—
Drive straight against embattled Wrong:
Faith knows but one, the hardest, way
Endure: the end is worth the three.
Give, give, and dare, and again dare!
On to that Wrong's great overthrow!
We are with you, you; we the pain
And Victory share

A BIT OF FUN

AN INSECT DISCOVERED

In reading the valuable columns of the newspapers, we find that the meaning of the Hawaiian word, "kulele" is "jumping flea." Ah, ha! The secret is now discovered. This pestiferous insect is therefore an insect and must be combated as such. No doubt it will continue to be quite as common a pest at the seashore resorts as the already prevailing mosquitoes are in Jersey or cooties in the trenches.

The Original Food Crisis.

Bobbie's mother had just taken out her winter garments.

"Ma," said Robbie, "what did the mother live on before Adam and Eve wore clothes?"—Awgwan.

Thanks

A young clerk was called before this manager.

"Mr. Jones, of late your work has been very perfunctory."

Just as he was going to ask for an explanation, the young clerk broke in:

"Mr. Smith, I've been working here for three months now and, though I have tried my best, that's the first bit of praise I have received. Thank you."—New York Sun.

EARL OF LICHFIELD SHOT AND KILLED

Prominent Financier, While Carrying Gun on Grounds of His Staffordshire Estate, Is Fatally Wounded.

London, July 30.—The Earl of Lichfield, director of the National Provincial Bank of England and of the Bank of Australasia, was found dead today in the grounds of his estate at Shugborough Park, Stafford, with a gun shot wound in the head.

Thomas Francis Anson, Viscount Anson and Baron Soberton, third Earl of Lichfield, was born January 31, 1856, the son of the second Earl and Lady Harriet Georgiana Louisa Hamilton, daughter of the first Duke of Abercorn. He succeeded his father in 1892. He was married to Lady Mildred Coke, youngest daughter of the second Earl of Leicester. She died in 1911, leaving three sons and three daughters.

The Earl of Lichfield was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. He owned about 22,000 acres in Staffordshire. He is succeeded by his oldest son, Viscount Anson.

PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Hannah M. Narraway, deceased, late of St. John, N. B., granted to Mrs. C. F. Sanford, St. John, and James E. Narraway, Ottawa. The estate was probated at \$12,863, real estate \$6,000. There was a will, granted to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada of \$100, and to the superannuated fund of the Methodist Church of Canada, \$50. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, proctors.

In the matter of the estate of David Linton, deceased, letters testamentary were granted to Wm. J. Linton and Mrs. James McKillop, Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, proctors.

In the matter of the estate of Robert P. Douglas, deceased, letters of administration were granted to Robert E. Douglas, MacRae, Sinclair & MacRae, proctors.

In the matter of the estate of Wm. McKelvey, deceased, letters of administration were granted to James McKelvey, Harg, Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, proctors.

In the matter of the estate of Ivory W. Jordan, of Hope, Coventry, Rhode Island, letters of administration were granted to Mrs. Agatha W. Jordan and Henry A. Powell, H. A. Powell, proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Richard F. Quigley, deceased, letters testamentary were granted to Richard O'Brien and Edward P. Raymond, E. P. Raymond, proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Alice Florence Wright, deceased, letters of administration were granted to Bowyer S. Smith, Estate probated at \$4,000. F. J. G. Knowlton, proctor. The deceased was a trained nurse at Cambridge, Mass. Her mother lives at Brighton, Sussex, England.

In the estate of Peter Broghill, deceased, letters of administration were granted to Miss Julia E. Broghill, Heber S. Kalch, proctor.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Schre, Don Parsons, 428 tons, New York to St. John, N. B., coal, p. t.; Marion N. Cobb, 360 tons, same, same, p. t.; Lucy Evelyn, 307 tons, same; Winnipeg, 213 tons, Nova Scotia to New York, plaster, p. t.; H. W. H. White, 159 tons, same; Thos. H. Lawrence, 823 tons, same, to Norfolk, p. t.; Florence Thurlow, 946 tons, Norfolk to Para, coal, \$15.60; G. J. Cherry 468

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BY LEE PAPE.

We was eating supper last night, and pop sed, If this meat was any tuffer it wood be a fiscal impossibility.

Now, Willyum, I cant help it, sed ma, I've told the butcher time and time again, but he says he does the best he can, so wat more can I do?

You can havell the everlasting blues out of him, thate wat you can do, sed pop, wy, this meat awt to be on my shos insted of on my plate. The best he can, nothing.

Well wy dont you go around and speek to him about it yourself if you think you know how, sed ma.

I will, ill go around and tell that fellow ware he gets off before I touch another morsel, I'm not a man that can eat wile theres a rong to be righted, sed pop. And he got up and I sed, Can I go with you, pop? Wich he didnt say I coodent, so I lid, an wen we got around to Smits meet store it was jest closing up and Mr. Smit was locking the door. Mr. Smit being a grate big man with a red face with a farsee expression on it, and pop sed, Are you the proprietor of this store?

Thats me, sed Mr. Smit.

Well my names Potts, sed pop. I've herd worse names, and I've herd a darn site better, sed Mr. Smit. You sent me some stake today, and I woodent awfer it to a dog, sed pop.

Good for you, its too hot to feed dogs meet, sed Mr. Smit. And he looked even farseer than he does without trying, and pop sed, of course, speeking as man to man, I realise you have your difficulties the same as anybody elts, but as a special favor wont you try to send us better meet?

I do the best I can, sed Mr. Smit.

Well, thate all any man can do sed pop. And went back home and ma sed, Well, wat did you say to him?

Never mind, we are going to have tender meat from now on, sed pop.

And me and him ate dizzert.

SIR JOS. JONAS FINED

London, July 30.—Sir Joseph Jonas, former lord mayor of Sheffield, was fined £2,000, and Charles Alfred Vernon, former employee of the minister of munitions, was fined £1,000, with costs, in the Old Bailey court in connection with the charges that they had conspired to violate the official secrets act by obtaining and communicating information that might be useful into the enemy.

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FUNERALS.

The funeral of Christopher White took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 92 Mecklenburg street. Services were conducted by Rev. Robert Crisp. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery. Members of the Orange order attended in a body.

The funeral of Henry Bordeaux took place yesterday morning from his late residence, Celebration street, to Holy Trinity church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Evelina Williams took place yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence, Brussels street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bedford. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

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