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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.

AND WHY NOT?

The Times last evening returned to its old game of criticizing the Government without rhyme or reason and in an editorial headed "Is It To Be Smith?", figuratively raised its hands in holy horror at an unauthorized suggestion, first published in the *Fredericton Gleaner*, that the Carleton county representative, who, if he had received the fair deal for which the Times professes to stand, would have defeated Frank B. Carvell in the election of 1911, might enter the New Brunswick cabinet as Minister of Public Works. The reason for the Times' hatred of Mr. Smith is not difficult to find, but has that newspaper any charge to make that his public or private record is such that he will not make a conscientious and capable minister of the crown?

The Times insinuates that if an investigation had been held it could have been shown that Mr. Smith had been guilty of dishonesty in connection with the shipment of potatoes to the gift of New Brunswick to the Belgian and patriotic funds, but the Times knows full well that no charge was ever laid against the provincial representative of Carleton county and it cannot produce anything to support a charge aside from the insinuations and hoaxings of such a mouthy gentleman as Mr. Carvell.

For months the Times and other newspapers of the opposition party have been lauding to the skies the Carleton county representative in the Dominion Parliament, who as a boy bullied and abused smaller lads until taken in hand by one of his own stature, and whose whole career as a man has been a mixture of empty bluster and actual cowardice. During the last two years he has been engaged in the delectable occupation of painting the people of Canada as thieves and grafters but, peculiarly, when his "charges" have been shown of their tawdry decoration they have been found to have no foundation in fact. This has been proven time and again and it is a known truth today that Mr. Carvell or the newspapers supporting him cannot point to one discreditable action on the part of any member of the Clarke administration, present or prospective.

Mr. Carvell has had much to say regarding Mr. Smith and the terrible things of which he could prove the Carleton county M. L. A. guilty if the opportunity presented itself. Either Mr. Carvell lies or he does not, but we can imagine no better opportunity for him to present his case to the people of his own constituency than by resigning his Dominion seat and entering the fight against the reported Minister of Public Works. It might also be remarked that if the Times or any other newspaper supporting the Dark Lantern brigadier thought for a moment that there was one chance in one thousand that the people of Carleton county, who know him best, would believe the word of Frank B. Carvell as against that of the man he has so often slandered, they would rejoice at the mere possibility of a by-election in that county. The Standard has not been advised that Mr. Smith is to be the selection for the public works department, but this paper believes that such a choice would be a good one. Mr. Smith is an honorable legislator and an honorable man; also, he dearly loves a good fight, and nothing would please him better than to engage against Mr. Carvell, or any man Mr. Carvell can nominate, in a contest for the support of the people of Carleton county.

Such a contest would bring the "dirt pile" that Mr. Carvell claims to have raised, directly to his own doorstep and would establish once and for all just what position he occupies in the esteem of the fellow residents of his own county. The selection of Mr. Smith, if it is made, should afford to Mr. Carvell such a chance as he has not had since the days when it was necessary for him to rely upon the efforts of a dishonest returning officer to save himself from defeat at the hands of the same Mr. Smith.

If Mr. Carvell is the paragon of courage and virtue his friends claim him to be, he will lose no time in throwing his hat into the ring. If, on the other hand, he is the colossal bluffer this newspaper thinks him, he will continue to use the same old weapons of slander and misrepresentation.

tion, but do everything humanly possible to avoid a direct contest with the man whose integrity and character he has so often assailed. The Times sneeringly asks "Is It To Be Smith?", to which this newspaper replies with another question, "AND WHY NOT?" A contest between Smith and Carvell would forever remove from public life one dirty bird of the Liberal flock—that in itself would be decidedly to the public benefit.

CONCERNING MR. MAHONEY.

Opposition newspapers have repeatedly assailed the Government because Hon. P. G. Mahoney was retained at the council board and in office as Minister of Public Works after a majority of the people of Westmorland county voted against him in the by-election held a few weeks ago. These papers have asked why Mr. Mahoney was not forced to resign. The answer is so very simple that it is apparent to all but opposition partisans who do not weigh any consideration except that which conforms to their own desires. These partisans contend that it is against the interest of the province to have at the head of the Public Works Department a man holding no seat in the legislature, yet they are unable to point to one interest or one person who has been injured by that course.

On the contrary it was most important to have Mr. Mahoney in his seat until his successor had been named because the circumstances leading to his appointment arose at a time of year when, in order to do the most effective work, it was necessary to keep the department organization perfected and, unfortunately, the chief clerk of that department had been found guilty of dishonest and corrupt actions while the then department head, Hon. John Morrissey, did not bring to the work the close attention and zealous effort its importance demanded.

Mr. Mahoney was chosen and has since kept the departmental affairs running in capable, aggressive fashion, and with an eye single to the welfare of the people. He has been a most efficient Minister for whom his colleagues in the Government will have kindly memory and high respect. His retention in the office up to the present time has been decided in the public interest and when the departmental report is issued it will be found that the period of his administration was one of the very best in the department's records. Mr. Mahoney retires to private life but temporarily. At a future time he will again represent Westmorland as a supporter of the administration and the clean-handed, conscientious legislator he has ever been.

THE CHARGE AGAINST LAURIER.

(Toronto News.)

The charge which lies against Sir Wilfrid Laurier is that during his premiership we had the most extravagant and corrupt era in the history of Canada. Pledges which he made in opposition were contemptuously and ostentatiously ignored in office. A multitude of partisan parasites grew rich from his feeding. The public domain was squandered. Contracts were made to enrich generous handed supporters. The public money was poured into constituencies in order to elect Liberal candidates. Between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 in cash and credit were bestowed upon private railway builders, and apparently the whole object was to make public ownership of railways impossible and fasten private railway monopoly upon the country forever.

There is every indication that the coming winter will make a record for St. John's export trade. Great quantities of grain and flour will be handled. This was pointed out many weeks ago by those Government officials who advocated the construction of a grain elevator on the Prince William street site. Yet, because of unwarranted opposition, the elevator project is no further advanced now than then. And the blame does not rest with the Government or Government officials.

The local opposition party will hold its primary convention on Thursday evening and, of course, it will be reported in the opposition newspapers

of Friday that the gathering "was harmonious and enthusiastic." We have no desire to attempt to modify the transports of those gentlemen but it may not be amiss to suggest that they read up on the doings at the opposition convention in South Toronto the other night where harmony and enthusiasm were decidedly lacking.

We do not hear so much lately of the Kaiser's keen desire to go to the front. There is a reason and a very good one—the front is coming to him.

JOHN TARDY, A NEWCASTLE BOY, AMONG MISSING

Was with Canadians in France—Three Other Brothers at Front Doing Their Bit.

Newcastle, Aug. 15.—John Tardy, who had four sons fighting for the Empire—John, in the British navy; Joseph, in the Australian forces, and Frank and Robert William with the Canadian army, received word on Saturday that the latter, who had previously been reported wounded, had been missing since June 3rd.

Q. M. S. Earl Macdonald, of the 12th Batt., who returned to Valcartier last night, sent up six recruits during the past week.

TORRYBURN SCENE OF HAPPY EVENT

The annual picnic of St. Peter's and Holy Trinity Sunday school children yesterday was attended by a large number. The young people in picnic attire presented a pretty appearance as they marched to the station for the picnic grounds at Torryburn. Trains left at ten a.m., 12.30 and 2.30 p.m., all being full of glad-spirited people. Everything was ready to receive the children and their guardians.

The procession was directed by Rev. Joseph Borgmann, C. S. S. R., Rev. F. O. Reid, C. S. S. R., and Father McDonald, C. S. S. R. The way to the depot was led by the City Cornet band and the children were all as happy as could be the beautiful weather aided them to their enjoyment. The usual games were enjoyed and everything passed off happily.

UPHAM

Upham, August 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Merlin, St. Martins, are visiting Coun. and Mrs. F. W. Sherwood. Mrs. M. M. Reid and daughter, Cora, have returned home after spending the past two weeks with relatives in Chipman.

Mr. Bernard Flannigan has returned to St. John after spending the past week with friends and relatives in Salt Springs and Upham. Rev. and Mrs. H. Hamilton Brown have returned to the rectory after spending the past month in St. John and Brown's Falls. Mrs. Brown also visited her brother at Windsor, N. S., who was en route for overseas service.

Rev. and Mrs. Anderson of St. John, are the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Herbert H. Sherwood. Mrs. Lorne Shea, St. Martins, is the guest of Mrs. Lewis H. Reid. Miss Eva Sherwood has returned home after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Bowland of Moss Glen. Miss Adeline Kilpatrick of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kilpatrick. Mrs. Harry F. Fowler was the guest of friends in Salt Springs on Sunday. Mrs. Mary Baxter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Godsoe.

An interesting meeting was held in Upham Public Hall on Friday, Mr. S. J. Wilson was the speaker. The subject he spoke on was "The Royal Orange Association."

Messrs. Warren Winslow and Milton Reid are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. M. M. Reid, before leaving for Manitoba. Mrs. Roy B. Reid has returned to Fredericton, after spending the past six weeks with Mrs. Lewis H. Reid.

The South Bay Fair. The Standard advises all persons who intend to visit the South Bay Fair on Saturday to put off their marketing until they get there, as in addition to the pike and amusements provided there will be a booth in which farm produce will be for sale, and it will be possible to buy your groceries and at the same time help the Patriotic Fund.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. John W. Walker. After a lingering illness, Mrs. Isabelle, wife of John W. Walker, 14 Harding street, passed away yesterday.

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Little Benny's Note Book

Me and pop was taking a wawk last nite, passing a lot of movie places without going in or anything, and I sed, Pop. On the wire, sed pop. Will you tell me wat a werd means? I sed. That's the best thing I do, sed pop, the only reason I dont rite a dickshinerry is because a fellow by the name of Webster got ahead of me by the underhand method of being born first, wat werd is it? Soogishins, I sed. Wich? sed pop. Soogishins, I sed. Are you sure thats the rite werd? sed opp. Yes sir, I sed. Wich I was, and pop sed, Soogishins, heh? Yes sir, I sed. It has a familiar ring, it seems to me I know wat that means, sed pop. Soogishins, soogishins, it sounds as if it mite meen very wise, no, Im thinking of sagacious, lets see, soogishins. Dont you know wat it means, pop I sed. Sertainly I do, dont hurry me, sed pop soogishins, Ill tell you in a minit, soogishins, soogishins, it sounds like sumthing from the Latin. Maybe it is, I sed. Some of those words from the Latin are very unsoecial, sed pop, only a few people know them, soogishins, lets see. I think soo means under in Latin, soogishins, were did you heer it and how do you know its the rite werd? I didnt heer it and I know its the rite werd because I made it up myself, I sed. Wich I had, and pop sed, You infinitesimal mycoskoom, and we kepp on wawking.

day, leaving besides her husband, one son and two sisters. The son is Arthur S., of the National Drug Company; the sisters, Mrs. Nelson Russell, of Houlton, Me., and Miss Lizzie Thompson, of St. John. The deceased was much beloved by a wide circle of friends, and had enduring patience in a long period of illness. She was a member of Queen Square Methodist church, and her death will be heard of with sincere regret by members of that church and a large number of others. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Reception For Bishop Smith. This evening there will be a reception in St. Philip's church for Bishop C. S. Smith of the A. M. E. church. Addresses will, it is expected, be delivered by Mayor Hayes, Rev. Messrs. Barracough and Hicks and Messrs. J. A. Barry and Brooks. The A. M. E. conference will begin tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Knocked Down but Not Hurt. Henry Kelly was knocked down by an automobile on Mill street yesterday morning about 11.30 o'clock, but escaped without being injured. According to the report of the accident no blame was to be attached to the driver of the automobile.

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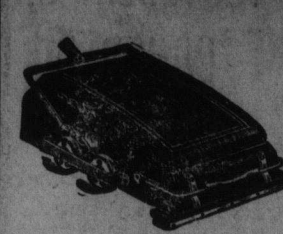
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