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THE UNFAIR ATTACK
ON MR. CARVELL.

(Sackville Tribune.)

New Brunswick Conservative newspapers have seized with eagerness upon an editorial item which appeared recently in The Montreal Mail in attack upon Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., because that gentleman some time ago criticised the report of Sir John French in regard to militia matters in the Dominion. Because Mr. Carvell dared to criticise the man who is now doing such splendid service for the Empire at the battle-front in Europe the Carleton County member is pictured by these Conservative papers as "anti-British" and all else that is blameworthy. Working on the same basis of reasoning one might picture Hon. Sam Hughes as "anti-British" because he recently rather unceremoniously dispensed with the service of the distinguished British officer who had been chief of staff in Canada, and set down as disloyal and as traitors all the men in Great Britain who have criticised Premier Asquith and the Right Honorable Winston Churchill because of the course those statesmen have pursued in regard to any matter of domestic concern in the United Kingdom. Mr. Carvell did not agree with the views of Sir John French regarding a matter of Canadian domestic concern, and he expressed his disagreement; certain New Brunswick newspapers now expect their readers to be as silly as themselves and believe Mr. Carvell some kind of an arch-criminal because he voiced that disagreement.

The reason for the eagerness with which these newspapers have used the item in question is to be found, of course, in the fact that it was Mr. Carvell who was chiefly responsible for the unloading of that most noble patriot and eminent purist, Hon. J. K. Fleming, of timber limit and Valley Railway notoriety. If Mr. Carvell had never forced the revelation of the \$62,000 graft story the standard Tory organs in the Province wouldn't have thought him half so bad a person; any man who puts their "paw" in danger seems a most blameworthy person to such organs as The St. John Standard, The Moncton Times and The Fredericton Gleaner.

Incidentally, it may not be amiss to give something of the history of the item in question which, in much the same form, has appeared in all three of the papers just named as well as in a paper in Sackville. The Montreal Mail was one of the first jour-

als to give it circulation. The Mail did so, of course, because The Mail exists largely for the purpose of doing the will of Hon. Robert Rogers, the "machine" politician from Manitoba. But the item first saw the light of day in another quarter. It appeared on October 16th in the "Federal Press Bulletin," and the "Federal Press Bulletin" is a weekly publication maintained at Ottawa by the Government out of campaign funds and published under the direction of Mr. Rogers. Despite the fact that there has been supposed to be a truce to party strife in Canada during the present time of Imperial crisis the "Federal Press Bulletin" is being published regularly in accordance with the Rogers' code and filled every week with unfair and vicious attacks upon Liberal leaders and the Liberal Party. "Machine" papers like the hypocritical Mail, with its Uriah Heep pretensions to righteousness and independence, and the more openly partisan papers like The Standard and The Times rush with joy to use the false and dishonorable material supplied them at the dictation of the "machine boss."

PHYSICAL UNFITNESS DUE TO
CIGARETTES.

Captain Oliver Hezzelwood, lately returned from England, spoke on the serious consequences of the war. It was the survival of the fittest, he said, and he urged the young men to start immediately to develop these survival qualities by joining some training corps. It had been said that only 22 per cent. of Canadians were included in the first Canadian force. While the British-born, he said, had been accepted in preference to Canadians on account of their previous military training, yet he had it on good authority that a great many more Canadians would have gone had they been physically fit. This physical unfitness, he had been given to understand, was due to the habit of cigarette smoking.

The power and influence of the British navy is illustrated by the trend of trans-oceanic trade of the United States. While the navy kept the sea-paths open to ordinary commerce, it pretty thoroughly cornered commerce with Germany. The September exports of the United States to Germany fell from \$5 million dollars in 1913, to \$2,400 in 1914, a falling off of some 15,000 per cent. During the same period United States' exports to Great Britain declined only 27 per cent.

PECULIAR PATRIOTISM.

The Woodstock Press says "Owing to the vast quantities of patriotic news in this issue we have been compelled to hold over several letters from correspondents."

In the same issue the Press prints nearly three columns of cheap, vitriolic abuse of F. B. Carvell, M. P., which is the brand of patriotism peculiar to that paper.—Hartland Observer.

HAS THE NERVE

An interesting political rumor mentions Hon. J. K. Fleming's name as a possible successor to the late Mr. A. Bowden, as New Brunswick Agent in England. There is no question about the ability of Hon. Mr. Fleming to fill such a position, but the wisdom of any such appointment will best be discussed after the

finding of the commission on the recent charges is made known.—Globe.

"UNEXPLAINED SECRECY".

While there has been unexplained secrecy about these reports, it is generally admitted that the findings of the commissioners with reference to the Valley Railway construction work are so direct that it will be impossible for the Lieutenant Governor to longer recognize the present head of the government.—Globe.

The fact that only a small percentage of the volunteers for the front belong to the trained militia, casts doubt on the usefulness of that body. Millions are spent annually in keeping up a force for war, and when war calls for recruits they have to be taken from the ranks of those who never donned the King's uniform.—Chatam World.

It is reported that Canadian soldiers will be sent to South Africa to assist in putting down the rebellion of General DeWet and Beyers as well as to uphold the British against the Germans in Southwest Africa. New Zealand and Australian troops may also be sent to Africa.

It's about time the Standard and Gleaner stopped the silly twaddle concerning J. K. Fleming. He has about as much chance of remaining premier as a snowball has of remaining in a congealed state in a certain place. The Tory papers know this and every other newspaper in Canada knows it.

The Germans are now talking about a gun which will carry across the English channel and the next thing we can expect is a claim that the Kaiser has tunneled under the sea and will send an invading army into Britain by this route. It is the open season for preposterous claims.

The German crown prince has been "wounded" once again. This young man certainly is breaking all records. What would the correspondents do if he really were put out of business by a hostile bullet?

It might be for the good of the world if the Ottoman empire were cast into the melting pot. This is a good time to decide the eastern question along with other pressing problems.

The number of wounded to say nothing of the dead, in France, is estimated at a half a million. Man's inhumanity to man never was better exemplified.

It is said that the dinner which the Kaiser had promised to serve in Paris two or three weeks after war broke out, has spoiled and has been thrown away.

About all the time the officials of the St. John and Quebec Railway can spare from their routine duties is needed in defending suits against the company.

The Germans must begin to think that some uncanny power is pushing Paris farther and still farther away.

The war has already had one good result in Russia. The government is going out of the liquor business.

The "sure things" in politics are not so sure as they used to be.



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