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A WORTHY SON.

The following remarkable letter, written by a British soldier at the front to his father, recently appeared in an Isle of Wight newspaper:

To my Father:

This is a final message for you to read when I am dead. There will be so little else—just the brief official notification, "The Secretary of State for War regrets, etc.," maybe a belated letter or two, speaking only of the small happenings of the day, perhaps the tale of a brother officer as to how I fell; beyond that, nothing. And so now, beforehand, I say farewell.

"There is no need of many words; but I want first to thank you as your son. You have been to me the best father a fellow could wish. I want to thank you for the gift of a clean and strong and vigorous and healthy body, straight limbs and thews that could serve England at her need. For the gift of a powerful intellect and a discerning mind—thank you. For the long years of self-denial that made my education possible; for the guidance and teaching that kept me straight in the days of youth; for the counsel and help freely proffered when I asked; for all noble things in your example—again and most earnestly, thank you.

Secondly, as to my death, inasmuch as we be men together, there is little need for words. It is in a good cause that I lay down my life. All the things that I hold dear in life I willingly give up, since it is required of me. I am proud and glad to be one of those whom England takes, who in their bodies pay the price of her honor. And though in your heart there will be sorrow, you will also be proud; and you will not grieve overmuch.

"All good things be unto you! May the coming years bring wider fields of service, honor and honorable work; strength and wisdom to perform it; and in the end peace and contentment and quiet rest! Your son, a soldier of England, salutes you. Farewell!

As a contemporary well says, the business of being a father is quite the most complex and difficult of all the tasks that come to men, and to get such a letter as the above must be to any father a sweet reward.

THE FRANCHISE ACT.

The Toronto Weekly Sun, which represents the farmers of Ontario, has this to say about the disfranchisement of naturalized aliens:

"The disfranchisement of naturalized aliens is a breach of faith for which there is no justification. Their number is too small to influence, in any event, the election, or, in Mr. Meighen's high-sounding phrase, the destiny of our country. Our conclusion is that these men are deprived of the right to vote as a foil for the real enterprise, which is to multiply the soldier vote by enfranchising the soldiers' women. It is a clumsy and unscrupulous venture in soldier politics, which, if respect for democracy is not a mere affectation, ought to stir every citizen to just indignation. The expression of public opinion having been suppressed, we are unable to estimate the effect of the Act on the people. From Canadian history we learn that the bitterest controversies have been about parliamentary representation, all the way back from the Act of 1885.

MONEY FOR FARMERS.

The Liberal government of Saskatchewan has announced the flotation of a loan to be offered to the people of Saskatchewan. It is known as the Saskatchewan Greater Production Loan.

The object of this loan is to raise money within the Province to provide the necessary funds for the carrying out of the scheme of rural credits under the Farm Loans Act, the purpose being to supply money at cost to the farmers requiring it for the development of their farms and the bringing about of increased agriculture and live stock production in Saskatchewan.

The Farm Loans Act came into operation a few months ago, but already applications for loans from farmers for productive purposes have reached a total of more than \$2,500,000.

Ten-year Saskatchewan Greater Production Loan bonds will be issued in

denominations of \$20, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly. A unique feature of these bonds is that they will be redeemable at par at any time upon the giving of three months' notice to the Provincial Treasurer. It is understood that this is the first loan of its kind ever floated in Canada.

Food Controller Hanna stated in an interview at Toronto the other day that prices of wheat, flour, bread and potatoes in Canada would be fixed in a short time, but just when the announcement would be made he could not say. Information and statistics have been gathered that will result in the prices of these staples being regulated. In some cases the prices cannot be fixed and the public will be informed why this is so. As regards the price of beef, Mr. Hanna pointed out that this was a difficult thing to regulate. The price of beef in Canada is determined by the price of beef in England.

London Advertiser: Food control for the food interests, C. N. R. scandals, the prospect of a slackening of munitions to throw labor temporarily into the market, these things call out to radicalism to sweep into power. The present is a time for the sanest of Liberalism to pledge itself to the saving of this country, the very existence of whose stability may be threatened by autocrats and gamblers who are ready, as in 1911, to win by any means at their command.

Halifax Chronicle: The gross profits of the William Davies Packing Company last year were \$1,827,000 on a capital stock of two millions. No wonder bacon is a luxury which only the rich can afford to buy. Where is the food controller?

Through Our Sieve

If war gardens, why not war flocks and war herds?

A woman can hold her age better than any other secret.

"Spurlos versenkt!" Fine slogan for the rest of the German propaganda.

"Spurlos versenkt!"—murder and leave no sign. Can Germany win on that programme?

The boy who announced "there ain't goin' to be no core" was a pioneer food conservationist.

Anyway if food control don't lower prices we can say that's what's the matter with Hanna!

Complaint is made that the cats eat too much. "Spurlos versenkt!" for cats until after the war.

Why don't people swap automobiles as they used to swap horses? Probably too much is known about automobiles.

Turkey must be beginning to see that there is not going to be much left of the goo doid rug business if this war keeps on.

Why are there more widows than widowers—widows of all kinds? Possibly a trained widower is soon snapped up again like a trained housemaid. This may not be the explanation, it is mere speculation.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	85½
C. P. R.....	150½
Crucible steel.....	73½
Erie.....	21½
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	86½
Union Pac.....	130½
U. S. Steel.....	111½
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Kenn.....	41½
Marine Com.....	29
Reading.....	84½
Rubber.....	59½
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MONTREAL

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Detroit.....	112
Quebec.....	18
Toronto.....	71½
Braz.....	40
Cement.....	62½
Iron.....	62½
Steel Co.....	57½
Spanish.....	16½
Shaw.....	118
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	92

ADDRESS BY LOCAL BAR
TO JUDGE CHANDLER

(Continued from page 8.)
the law. Because of this knowledge we desire to assure Your Honor of our implicit confidence that you will at all times prove worthy of the traditions of the judiciary of this province. We have no doubt you will maintain the proper standard for the administration of the law of the land, and that in your hands the rights of all parties will be safe.

Permit us to wish both you and Mrs. Chandler many years in which to enjoy the position that has come to you as a mark of distinction.

Judge Chandler's Reply
Judge Chandler made a very graceful reply, thanking the speaker and the bar of the Capital for the kindly sentiments conveyed to him. A month or two had transpired since he had been honored with an elevation to the bench, and it had been a pleasure to him to respond to cordial greetings at the circuits which had intervened. He hoped always to live up to these expressions of confidence and goodwill. The position, he could assure his hearers, was not so easy as it looked; for outside the knowledge of the law there were matters coming up constantly of no small concern and responsibility. As was well stated by Mr. Slipp he succeeded a worthy Westmorland Judge, who had filled the high office very acceptably.

By the countenances of those around him he noted that many members of the profession had come in since he was a student in Fredericton; and among the other changes Judge Chandler noted that there is not a single judge today surviving who was alive then.

The successful discharge of duty as a judge was very much dependent upon the assistance and co-operation of the members of the bar. His Honor therefore assured the members of the Fredericton bar that he appreciated their kind consideration and courtesy and made grateful acknowledgement for the personal good wishes extended to Mrs. Chandler.

The Docket.
The docket was composed of the following six jury cases:

Wm. J. Carten vs. City of Fredericton. McLellan & Hughes file record. Slipp & Hanson for defendant.

Thomas Dinsmore vs. the Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd. McLellan & Hughes file record. Hanington & Hanington for defendant.

Samuel B. Hatheway vs. Frederick Morgan. McLellan & Hughes file record. C. D. Richards for defendant.

Charles LeRoy Fisher vs. Canadian Pacific Railway. McLellan & Hughes

For Boys at Front
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file record. Hugh H. McLean for defendant.

Walter W. Boyce vs. Canadian Pacific Railway. Slipp & Hanson file record. Hugh H. McLean for defendant.

Spafford Wade and Roy Wade vs. the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd. Slipp & Hanson file record. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford for defendant.

Details of Cases.

In Carten vs. City of Fredericton the plaintiff is suing for \$1,352 and \$24.90 costs for material supplied for road building near the line of the St. John & Quebec Railway. The defense is that the plaintiff was not required to do the work, that there was no agreement as to price and that the price asked is not fair and reasonable.

In Dinsmore vs. Partington Co. the plaintiff, residing at Barker's Point, is claiming \$1,700 for damages to his land fronting on the Nashwaak river resulting from driving operations. The defense gives a general denial.

In Hatheway vs. Morgan the plaintiff is claiming \$250 damages for logs and wood cut on his land. The defense is that the cutting was authorized by the late William D. Rainsford, since deceased, and that verbal permission was given by the plaintiff.

In Fisher vs. C.P.R., the plaintiff is claiming \$10,533.30 for loss of a leg and expenses, his leg having been cut off at McAdam, November 28th, 1916, when cars at which he was working were struck by another train. The plaintiff was an employee of the C.P.R., and brings action under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act. The defense is denial of negligence and statement of contributory negligence on part of plaintiff.

In Wade et al. vs. Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co., \$3,361 is claimed for damages to land during driving operations and consequent expenditure. General denial is given in defense.

In Boyce vs. C.P.R., \$1,000 damages are asked for a carload of turnips which were frozen at McAdam during



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