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BETTER TERMS DEMANDED.

The Nova Scotia Legislature a short time ago unanimously adopted the following resolution, which was moved by Mr. Tory, a Liberal member for Guysboro, and endorsed by Mr. Hall, leader of the Conservative opposition.

"That the Province of Nova Scotia should urge upon the Federal government the immediate and just settlement of four matters: Compensation for the cash subsidies paid to the three western provinces in lieu of lands; compensation for the lands granted to Quebec and Ontario, and compensation for the province of Nova Scotia for unfair treatment in the public expenditure since Confederation."

The Halifax Morning Chronicle, which has for many years been a consistent advocate of better terms not only for Nova Scotia, but for the other Maritime Provinces, made the following comment on Mr. Tory's resolution:

We have proved, time after time, by incontrovertible facts and figures, that this Province had been and was continuously being robbed and despoiled for the benefit of other parts of Canada. The only answer from the Province profiting at our expense has been, "Well, what are you going to do about it?" And this answer has always been offensively given.

Heretofore we have been able to do nothing, for lack of unity. One party or the other has always been ready to set Federal partisanship above local patriotism, and so nullify effort. At last we have unity. Have we the courage and energy to press the advantage to success? That remains to be seen.

It is certain that talk will accomplish nothing. We must be willing to act, and to act strongly if necessary. Obviously we have nothing to hope for from the sense of fair play, much less from the generosity of the Western Provinces. Their inhabitants are not where they are "for their health." They not only admit but boast of the fact. It is their fixed determination to grab as much as possible for themselves, regardless of others. Their success has been phenomenal.

The time has come for a radical change. Shall we prove ourselves equal to the occasion or shall we once more accept a few financial crumbs, contemptuously tossed to us to "shut our mouths?"

The question of our rights, or, rather, of our wrongs, does not admit argument. It is self-demonstrated. Fifty years ago Nova Scotia was an old, well settled and prosperous province. Fifty years ago an uninhabited wilderness stretched from the Great Lakes to the Pacific, broken only by a small settlement on Vancouver Island. By joining with New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, in Confederation, Nova Scotia pledged her credit and resources for the development of this great wilderness and of the wilderness to the north and east of Ontario and Quebec.

From that day to this Nova Scotia has been steadily drained of her population and of her wealth for the upbuilding of those wildernesses, a due proportion of the original purchase money of which she contributed. She helped to build and pay for the railways—thousands on thousands of miles of them—which made settlement possible. She contributed to the full to the bringing in of immigration. She suffered her own sons and daughters to be enticed away from her, and the consequent depreciation in value of her lands. She helped to pay for the policing of the western provinces and to provide them with public institutions and buildings. She got absolutely no economic advantage or gain from all this, because trade between her and the West is forbidden by nature.

And now, after fifty years, or really after little more than not long ago, the west was still almost vacant, there are four provinces established in that quarter, equipped up to the nines with everything that money can buy, with larger educational funds than they know how to expend, with revenues three and four and five times as great as that of Nova Scotia.

And those revenues have all come, or are coming, directly or indirectly, from Dominion government grants to which we have to contribute. Our paltry revenue, wholly inadequate to meet public services dependent on it, has largely to be secured by what is in effect direct taxation.

The arguments advanced on behalf of better terms for Nova Scotia apply with equal force and truth to New Brunswick. This province has never received a square deal from the authorities at Ottawa, although provincial ministers from time to time have put forward very strong claims. This province has a population close to 400,000, which means that it is one-twentieth in people of the whole Dominion, and must bear that portion of the public expenditure. The Canadian Northern Railway is to cost the taxpayers of Canada \$450,000,000, and New Brunswick's share of that, in round figures, will be \$22,500,000. The deficit on this road last year was \$17,

000,000, and our province is responsible for \$850,000 of that amount, and must continue to pay it each year.

It is estimated that since Confederation the Federal tax collectors have gathered at least \$150,000,000 in New Brunswick, to say nothing of the millions which a high protective tariff has diverted to the manufactures of the upper provinces. Finance Minister White plans to collect from the taxpayers of Canada during the present year the sum of \$437,000,000, of which amount New Brunswick must contribute \$21,850,000, or \$4,000,000 more than was subscribed by this province to the last war loan. In return for this large sum we will get among other favors a paltry subsidy of \$637,000 to assist in defraying the expenses of government.

The Boards of Trade of the cities and towns of the Maritime Provinces, instead of passing meaningless resolutions on the tariff, would perform a real public service were they to back up the efforts now being put forth by the provincial governments to secure better terms from the Federal authorities. It is not a question of party politics, but one of simple justice and fair play, and it should have the whole-hearted support of the people of the Maritime Provinces.

WELCOME HOME.

The people of New Brunswick are today joyously welcoming the 26th Battalion and the Divisional Ammunition Column. These splendid units reached Halifax yesterday on the Olympic and are at St. John today. The Fighting 26th will always hold an honored place on the military roll of New Brunswick. It was the only New Brunswick battalion to go to the front as a unit and it has won a reputation second to none in the Canadian army. Many of its original members are not returning to share in the joyous welcome. Among the number is Lieut. Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, a former commanding officer, who fell while leading his men in action. The people of New Brunswick have every reason to be proud of the units which reached St. John this morning.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The Yanks are flying over there. Beauty is only skin deep, and it can't be smeared on.

Nobody expected Germany to feel that the peace terms were easy. Some women are always talking of the lost art of conversation.

There are too many pronunciations for names that are hard to pronounce. A Cleveland man carried a lucky penny till it wore a hole in his pocket through which he lost a \$10 gold coin.

If navigators can't avoid collisions on the wide ocean, how can they in aerial transportation? We can't believe that ancestors turn over in their graves every time posterity violates a precedent.

Lenine and Trotsky are said to be looking for a place to go. Has Holland a bed that will accommodate three?

Souls are not all alike. Some are in tune with ragtime and others respond more readily to harmonies that stir the emotions to their full depth.

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GRAND WELCOME THIS EVENING TO RETURNING MEN

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years overseas and entered Mons with the 2nd Division at the signing of the Armistice. He was with the army of occupation in Germany. He was in the Imperial army for 21 years and served through the Siege of Ladysmith in the South African War. He also saw service in India.

Pte. F. W. Harvey

Pte. F. W. Harvey is a member of the original 26th Battalion. He enlisted with it in 1914 and went overseas in June 1915. He stayed with the Battalion ever since his enlistment and has come through his service without injury.

Pte. J. J. Forrester

Pte. J. J. Forrester is a former member of the R. C. R. He enlisted with the 55th Battalion in 1915 and went overseas with it, being later transferred to the 26th Battalion.

Pte. Willard Haines

Pte. Willard Haines enlisted in the 104th Battalion shortly after his graduation from the Fredericton High School. He was slightly wounded last year in the last engagements with the Huns. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Haines.

Pte. Simon Harris

Pte. Simon Harris enlisted and went overseas with the 104th Battalion. Prior to his enlistment he was employed at the Barker House in this city. He is a son of Mr. Thomas Harris of Devon.

Gnr. J. R. Howie

Gnr. James R. Howie is a son of the late J. Robert Howie of this city. He enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery in 1916 and went overseas in March 1917. In November he went to France where he was transferred to the 17th Field Battery, 5th Brigade. He came through his service without a scratch and went to Germany with the army of occupation. He was stationed at Bonn with the 2nd Division.

Pte. M. Donahue

Pte. "Mike" Donahue enlisted with the 104th Battalion at the same time as Pte. Willard Haines. He was later transferred to the 26th Battalion.

Pte. Sidney Parkinson

Pte. S. Parkinson is a son of Sgt. Parkinson of this city. He enlisted and went overseas with the 104th Battalion and was later transferred to the 26th Battalion. He had one brother Charles Parkinson killed on overseas service.

Pte. L. K. Rush, M. M.

Pte. L. K. Rush, M. M. is a North Devon boy who has seen a long service with the 26th Battalion. He was awarded the Military Medal and bar to the same for gallantry under fire.

Driver H. O'Neill

Driver Hugh O'Neill is a son of ex-Ald. and Mrs. Hugh O'Neill of this city. He enlisted with the 58th Winnipeg Battalion and was later transferred to the 20th Battery. He came through his three years' service without being wounded. He returned from overseas with the 2nd D. A. C.

Driver W. B. Day

Driver Walter B. Day enlisted here in 1915 with the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column and went to France with that unit. He was slightly wounded but has recovered. Driver Day originally belonged to St. John but had been living in Devon for some time prior to enlistment.

Driver P. N. Fraser

Driver Percy Fraser is a son of Mrs. Daniel Elliot of this city. He enlisted with the 28th Field Battery and was later drafted to the 2nd D. A. C. He went overseas in June 1915 and has been through about four years' service escaping being wounded.

Pte. Charles Offen

Pte. Charles Offen enlisted with the 55th Battalion in 1915 and was later transferred to the 26th Battalion. He was for some time a musketry instructor.

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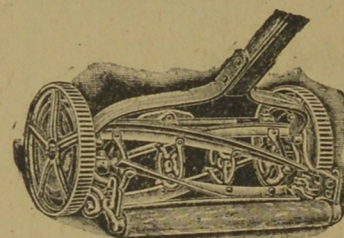
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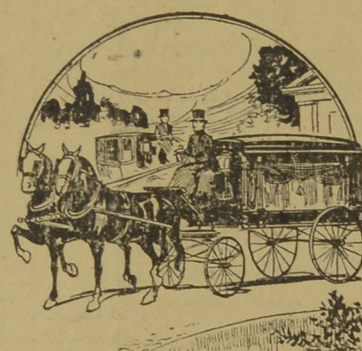
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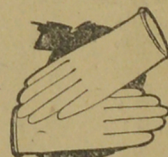
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