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LAURIER WINS

If Laurier wins, we have his own word for it that he shall proceed no further with the Military Service Act; that the men drafted under it will be disbanded and that, consequently, no further help will be sent to our boys at the front; that we shall revert to the old partizan form of government with all the evils it entails.

If Laurier wins it will be because he will have added to his solid Quebec the scattered constituencies throughout Canada that are dominated by machine Liberals like the machine Liberals in Charlottetown who refused a joint convention of Liberals and Conservatives and a Unionist candidate from each of the parties. It must be remembered that there are machine politicians in other places as well as in this province and they may be sufficiently numerous to endanger Union government.

If Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair, Hughes and Read win in this province, Prince Edward Island will be linked up with Laurier's solid Quebec. These men, tell the electors they will vote for the party who, in their opinion, has the best policy for winning the war; some of them have gone so far as to promise not to support Laurier in his anti-conscription policy. What effect would their adverse vote have upon the Laurier government, if that government were in power?

Our Liberal candidates may be personally all they profess to be; they may be personally loyal at heart but when they say they are going to support Laurier only in such measures as will commend themselves to them they are deceiving the people. Elected as supporters of Laurier they would be doing so much to place the government of Canada in Laurier's hands, and any objections they might afterwards raise to his policies and his measures would be absolutely useless. The evil would be done when elected, if they should be, as supporters of Laurier.

Let there be no deception on this point. To place Laurier at the head of the Canadian government would mean by his own declaration an end to Canada's effort in the war, would mean that Canada would sneak out of the war; the election of any one of his candidates would mean that this was the wish of those whose votes elected him.

It is time now for plain speaking and prompt acting. There are only two sides to this question, Laurier's side and the Union Government's side, the side of those who want to stay in the war to the end and those who want to see Canada sneak out. Electors will choose for themselves.

PRINCIPAL SEAMAN'S OPEN LETTER

In yesterday's Guardian we published an open letter from Principal J. D. Seaman to Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair asking some straight questions, the answer to which had not been made clear in their manifesto. These were: "In the event of your election will you join the party now led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier?" In reference to Laurier's proposed referendum, "Would not that delay reinforcements for at least a year? If not, will you kindly explain how that delay can be avoided? What will happen to our boys at the front in the meantime?"

The Patriot, which also published Principal Seaman's letter, a fact which we regretably had not observed, in the absence of Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair, replies that "In their manifesto published in the Patriot they (Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair) clearly state their attitude on conscription and the sending of reinforcements to our brave soldiers."

Mr. Seaman, who is principal of one of the best schools in this province, and who is a thorough master of the English language, could not find any "clear statement" in the manifesto on these matters. That was why he asked the questions. Hundreds of others are asking the same questions that Principal Seaman asked and for the same reason—because the manifesto did not make anything clear, did not even mention Sir Wilfrid Laurier's name. The Patriot's answer, like the manifesto itself, is only an attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the electors. It will not be accepted by any one as the reply of Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair to Principal Seaman's open letter.

As the campaign is now on in earnest and the people want to know, we trust Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair will at their earliest convenience give a straight, clear and unmistakable reply to the questions ask-

ed, so straight, and clear that at least men of Principal Seaman's educational qualifications can understand them.

WHO ARE EXEMPT

The following letter was received by one of the Exemption Tribunals, and as it is an average sample of many applications for exemption we give it in full, omitting the names:

To the Local Exemption Tribunal, under the Military Service Act:
Dear Sirs: In asking for exemption from military service of _____ I will try to be brief.

(1) Of the three boys raised at _____ John _____ is in the army, Harry is in the navy and Tom is at home on the farm doing (excuse me) the most important work of all. I do not think Lloyd-George could make a better distribution. The warrior's courage will soon evaporate if his stomach is empty. The pressure of population upon subsistence is worth watching at all times. Today it is the biggest menace in sight. Last winter my eldest boy _____ wrote me that he was given leave to spend a few days in London but he had to forego the pleasure as every shilling of his money was needed to supplement his scanty meals.

(2) Robert is my only brother's only son; if he goes the family is in danger of extinction. I have a little fellow besides, not much good with horses yet and I am getting too old to follow them. A farm is no good unless somebody is constantly at work on it. Yours truly, signed _____

No doubt these applications for exemption were granted as unquestionably the intention of the Military Service Act is not to interfere in any way with food production. This was made emphatically clear by Sir Robert Borden in the course of his speech the other day in Halifax when he said:

I REALIZE THE URGENT NEED OF LABOR to sustain the great industry of agriculture, to operate our fisheries, our coal mines, our munition plants and all the varied industries that are ESSENTIAL for carrying on the war. The Military Service act declares that in providing needed reinforcements for the men at the front just and equitable consideration shall be given to these needs: but reinforcements MUST be provided. The operation of the act is carried on under the direction of the Military Service Council, composed of able and patriotic men fairly representing BOTH political parties. The tribunals by whom exemption is to be determined have NOT been appointed by the government, but by independent authority. Every effort has been made to ensure IMPARTIAL and reasonable consideration of all matters that should justly be taken into account in determining WHO shall be called upon to stand in the battle-line and who can BEST give service at home. ABOVE ALL, service already given by near kindred at the front must be taken into account in considering whether there shall be exemption.

MEANING OF BOURASSAISM

The Catholic Register, Toronto, is under no illusions as to the meaning of Bourassaism. After analyzing carefully and exposing the fallacies of a recent article in Le Devoir from the pen of the Nationalist leader, The Register says: "Mr. Bourassa is using all the talents which God gave him, whether he knows it or not, in the self-assumed task of isolating his native Province, of placing the Catholic Church in a false position in Canada, and of turning minds and wills against the service and welfare of their country."

A CRIMINAL PRETENSE

In seeking to distract public attention from the war to the cost of living, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said that bacon retails at a lower price in Great Britain than in this country. The Canadian Food Controller has been able to show from British cables that this is absolutely untrue. Pro-German propagandists in the United States are trying to check agricultural production and to stir up unreasoning public feeling over the high prices of food. There is no doubt that such agencies are at work in the Dominion and that they are using public men and a section of the press for this purpose. While profiteering must be eliminated with a strong hand, it is criminal to pretend that present prices are not mainly due to the withdrawal of millions of workers from the land and to the consequent reduction in the output of food.—Toronto News.

HOW IT STRIKES A FORMER LIBERAL

Sir:—Is it not time to make an effort to enlighten the people of this province in regard to the real situation in Canada today, and as to what will be the fate of Canada after the 7th of December next? I have been a Liberal all my life, and supported that party loyally, but alas! the good Liberal party has been split in twain by its leader. One half has been swallowed up *holus bolus*, with its leader, by the province of Quebec, who declares that we are under no obligation to help to fight the battles of the British Empire. All that is left of the Liberal party today are the Liberal Unionists, for the best men of the party are now Unionists, and when the war is over these will be the men who will head the old Liberal party in its old time place of honor in this country, not the Laurier party and its satellites, who will sink into oblivion because like Meros, they refused to come to the help of the nation in its need.

Notwithstanding all this, the so-called Liberal press of this province still appeals to the people to support the Laurier party while all the leading Liberal newspapers in Canada have sponsored Laurier and his manifesto out of their mouth. It is pathetic to see the big influential Liberal journals of P. E. Island contending with such little journals as the Toronto Globe, the Manitoba Free Press, the Halifax Chronicle, St. John Telegraph, Hamilton Times, Regina Leader and others. Truly, it must be great to imagine ourselves giants, while we are only pigmies. As for myself I will stick to the Toronto Globe, the organ of the true Liberal party of Canada, and in his campaign I can do nothing else, but support the Union Government, now composed of the best men of both parties, the men whose names will go down in history as true patriots not partisans.

If the Laurier referendum party were returned next December, what would Old Britain think of us? What would our heroic sons in France and Belgium think of us? The last question I will ask, and I will leave it to the electors of Canada to answer. Which do you think the Kaiser would rather see win, the Union Government or the Laurier party, dominated by a sold Quebec?

No true citizen elector who claims to be British should mark his ballot for any candidate who accepts Sir Wilfrid Laurier as his leader under present conditions. Sir Wilfrid Laurier told the Hon. James Calder, that he did not believe in the selective draft, and that if he was returned to power he would not enforce it. Mr. Calder made this statement publicly last October and the so-called Liberal leader has not yet denied it. Another witness to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's intentions if he should be returned to power, is Le Canada, his own personal French organ which defines the Liberal policy in these words: "We are bound to repeat that conscription is completely abolished, in any form, under any pretext, from the Liberal program." Sir Wilfrid Laurier has formally stated and repeated in the House that he is irrevocably opposed to compulsory service, and should the war continue and voluntary enlistment become inadequate to fill the ranks of our army, Canada under his leadership, will rather endeavor to intensify and multiply its co-operation in foodstuffs and munitions. Just think of it! Foodstuffs and munitions for whom? For an army with its ranks depleted to the vanishing point.

Two years ago we blamed the United States for being only interested in the monetary side of the war by selling her produce at war prices, and not giving the military assistance that suffering Belgium and Serbia were crying for. We are, therefore, not left in doubt as to what will happen if the Union Government is defeated. Canada under Laurier will keep all the slackers at home to produce foodstuffs and ammunition to sell to our bleeding mother country at inflated war prices, and Canada will become rich in money and in a population of slackers' progeny; at the expense of the rest of the Empire, and the sacrifice of those Canadians who have died and those who are still defending Canada on the firing line. The issue, then, is clear. Lloyd George says "There is but one party and that is the nation. Keep steadfast and we will win." I am sir, etc., LIBERAL UNIONIST.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson,

BOILED DOWN WISDOM

Conscience is the highest of all courts. —Victor Hugo.
They are slaves who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak. They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three. —Lewell.

I wonder why it is we are no kinder than we are? How much the world needs it. How easily it is done. How instantaneously it acts. How infallibly it is remembered. How superabundantly it pays itself back—for there is no debtor in the world so honorable, so superably honorable as love. —H. Drummond

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

Is it rainy little flower? Be glad of rain; Too much sun would wither thee, 'Twill shine again; The clouds are very thick, 'tis true; But just behind them smiles the blue.

Art thou weary, tender heart? Be glad of pain; In sorrow sweetest things will grow As flowers in rain; God watches, and their work have sun. When clouds their perfect work have done.



Overseas Parcels Must be Mailed Next Week to be in Time for Christmas

We receive letters every day with regard to sending parcels to soldiers at the front. The following enquiry speaks for itself. Montague, P. E. I., November 15th, 1917.

Messrs. Paton Limited, Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Dear Sirs:

I see by the papers where you send Xmas parcels to the boys away. Would you kindly let me know how much you charge for sending same, and also what parcel consists of.

Yours truly,

Miss

Make it something comfortable and warm. Months ago we were watching the market for such articles as would give them pleasure and comfort.

Here are a few articles:

- 1 pair Khaki Woolen Gloves 95c
- 1 pair Khaki Braces 50c
- Good large size Khaki Silk Handkerchiefs 75c
- 1/2 doz. Khaki Excelsa Handkerchiefs 80c

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The above will make up a nice \$3.00 Parcel and are all regulation styles and colors, we will box same and look after mailing free of charge. Here is also a list of accessories:

- Khaki Woolen Mufflers \$1.25
- Khaki Woolen Mufflers \$1.60
- Khaki Woolen Mufflers \$1.85
- Khaki Silk Mufflers \$1.95
- Khaki Flannel Shirts \$2.50
- Heavy Duck Shirts \$1.75
- Medium Weight Shirts \$1.15
- Heavy Khaki Socks 60c
- Heavy Grey Socks 60c
- Khaki Gloves 75c and \$1.00
- Mirrors 45c
- Leather House Wife \$1.00
- Khaki Handkerchiefs 15c
- Khaki Breeches from \$5.00 up
- Trench Gloves \$1.00 to \$1.85
- Khaki Shirts \$1.25 to \$1.85
- Khaki Oilcoats \$5.00 to \$7.50
- Trench Coats, with heavy Apron \$6.50
- Fleece Underwear, the cosy and comfortable kind 75c to \$1.50 per garment.
- Heavy Wool Underwear 98c, \$1.15 and \$1.25 garment
- Heavy Wool Sweater Coats \$2.50, 2.75 3.25, 3.65, 4.50 up.

Send the boy Island home-made Underwear direct from Tryon factory, heaviest weight \$1.75 per garment
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WAR MENUS

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MENU FOR FRIDAY

- Breakfast: Oatmeal Porridge, Tea or Coffee, Apple Jelly
 - Dinner: Fried Eels, Baked Potatoes, Oatcake, Baked Onions, Butter
 - Supper: Baked Sweet Potatoes, Cornmeal Bread, Apple Sauce, Tea
- The recipe for Cornmeal Bread, mentioned above, is as follows:

Cornmeal Bread—
2 cups lukewarm water
1 yeast cake
1/2 tablespoon salt
1/2 cup molasses
1 cup rye flour
1 cup corn meal
3 cups white flour
Dissolve yeast cake in water, add remaining ingredients, and mix thoroughly. Let rise to double its bulk, knead and shape into loaves; let rise again to double in bulk and bake.

SHELL LEFT BARREL OF RIFLE WITH HIM

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 22.—The experience of an American sergeant in a support trench has demonstrated that a shell can go within a few inches of a man and not hurt him. Recently the sergeant was standing back of the lines holding his rifle out of the mud by the sling. Suddenly there was a rush of air and the rifle was almost pulled from his hand, followed by an explosion in the mud twenty yards in the rear. The sergeant was knocked down

and when he scrambled to his feet he discovered that the shell had clipped off the rifle stock, leaving only the barrel in his hand.

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