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TIME TO DEFINE

Now that an election is impending would it not be well for the Liberal press to define the Liberal attitude clearly. There are many points which former supporters of the party are anxious to clear up. So far the Liberal press with a few exceptions has contented itself with criticizing and ridiculing the Conservative war policy, with quoting approvingly the criticisms of agitators and anti-conscriptionists. What the people now want to know, what former Liberals especially want to know, is, what the Liberals propose doing if they succeed in winning the election.

What will be their attitude towards the Military Service Act?

The Liberal leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is unswervingly opposed to it. The leading Liberal organ, the *Toronto Globe*, unswervingly supports it. The leading Liberal organ in Prince Edward Island, the *Patriot*, has expressed itself as unswervingly in favour of conscription and later published every argument known to anti-conscriptionists and to enemy aliens against it. Liberal candidates profess to be in favour of enforcing the Act and at the same time are ranging themselves under the banner of Sir Wilfrid Laurier who has declared over and over again that he is unalterably opposed to it, that he will oppose it even if the volunteer system which he professes to believe in should fail.

With the exponents of Liberalism thus at sea on the only real live question before the country—what are the poor electors going to do about it? The exponents unless they are hopelessly adrift, must come ashore before the campaign is much further advanced as no one at a crisis like the present will cast his or her ballot without knowing what the effect is likely to be.

Liberals want to know. They already know where Sir Robert Borden and his followers stand; they know where Sir Wilfrid stands; what they don't know is how conscriptionist Liberals are going to carry out an effective Canadian war policy under an anti-conscriptionist leader.

A "NATIONAL" PRIME MINISTER

The appointment of Mr. Justice Duff of the Supreme Court as Central Appeal Judge under the Military Service Act is a far-reaching concession to Union Government sentiment throughout the country. Judge Duff was a prominent British Columbia Liberal when Sir Wilfrid Laurier appointed him to the Supreme Court Bench. Not many months ago he was much talked of in Liberal circles as the natural successor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the leadership of the Liberal Party. In placing him at the head of the Selective Draft machinery Sir Robert Borden has once more demonstrated to the country his desire to eschew party politics during the war. Though they are in a minority, the Liberal members of Parliament are appointing one-half the officials who are to act under the Military Service Act. The Local Exemption Boards so far appointed include a number of the best citizens in each community regardless of their political leanings. The Prime Minister is exhausting every effort to unite the country behind the enforcement of the Selective Draft and the reinforcement of the Canadian army.

THE WAR GARDENS

An authoritative statement just given out in the United States places the value of the produce raised in the "war gardens" of that country at \$350,000,000. No estimate so far as we have seen has been made of the value of the extra produce raised in Canada's war gardens but if we have done as well proportionately as our American cousins we should have to our credit at least \$30,000,000 worth of food. Here in Prince Edward Island, although vacant lot gardening was not pushed as vigorously as it might have been, many families have proved both the advantage and the economy of such gardening. Many citizens in Charlottetown are still using, and will use for some time to come the vegetables raised by themselves on plots of land which heretofore were lying idle and many of them unsightly. First year cropping on unused and weedy land cannot be expected to be an unqualified success and no doubt there have been disappointments. With the experience gained however and with the cleaning up resulting from even unsuccessful cultivation much better returns may be expected next year and we trust the necessary preparation will be given this fall to plots that may be utilized next year. Something might also be done towards utilizing some of the vacant farms throughout the province. It would not be too much to say that there is enough land lying idle in the province to more than feed our whole population. In these days of stress and with serious shortage of foodstuffs pending there should be no unused lands. The time to make preparation for this is right now.

NOTES

Every bullet has its billet. Every man has his place. Prince Edward Islanders will find theirs under the Selective Service Act.

The Franchise Act is a Win-the-War measure, and the loyal women of Canada, no matter how strongly they yearn for the vote for all of their kind, will be generous enough to forego an immediate reward to help save Canada from the dishonor that is threatening her.

O inconsistency, thy name is the Island Patriot! In its yesterday's issue it urges the return to power of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the avowed anti-conscriptionist, and follows this with an editorial from the *Toronto Globe* strongly urging the return of conscriptionists and in support of the Military Service Act.

Says a Montreal exchange, "The tribute paid to the morals of Canadian troops oversea by Reverend Dr. Chown is timely and the speaker's responsible position guarantees its authority. It is to be hoped that it will set at rest a lot of loose talk among people whose nose for nastiness is always unusually keen."

Mr. Bonar Law's admission that the financial condition of the Allies would now be disastrous, if the United States had not come into the war when it did, is cause for real thinking. The Allies were far nearer defeat this Spring than the public realizes. The issue is not yet really decided. That is why neutrals seem so incomprehensibly afraid to risk any unpleasantness with Germany.

And now that treacherous German hound, Luxburg, who as Swedish Minister at Buenos Aires, advised Germans to "sink without leaving trace," is begging from Britain safe conduct home from the country that kicked him out! Some gall, is it not? It has not been granted so far. The proper safe conduct for him would have been the end of a rope and he would have reached his destination without bothering the authorities.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Not as Prince Henry, but as "Private Harry Windsor," is the third son of King George and Queen Mary known in the Eton College Officers' Training Camp. When he is wanted it is "Private Windsor" that the sergeant-major calls out. And Private Harry Windsor doesn't mind. In fact, he is thoroughly enjoying himself.

"He is impervious to everything except the joyous spirit of youth," writes a correspondent of Tidworth, which is the name of the place, "somewhere in England" where the camp is located, "and even the mud—and there are miles of it—doesn't depress him. Life is a gay adventure to him. 'Keep Smiling,' is Private Harry Windsor's motto. He was smiling when I ploughed my squelching way through limitless seas of mud to the tent door where I found him energetically cleaning boots, and a man who can smile in the midst of a four-day non-stop rain, standing ankle deep in mud, is some Mark Tapley. And he was still cheerful when carrying tent boards and unloading boxes, and he smiled still more—this time with the honest smile of good work opportunely appreciated—when his officer came round and announced that Private Harry Windsor was a great success as tent orderly."

The army of today has no time for nice social distinctions; Private Harry Windsor does his duty as a simple soldier honestly and well. He has no 'side,' he is just one of the 'boys.' And when I left him he was cleaning the eternal mud from his own boots."

The young princes and Princess Mary, sons and daughter of King George and Queen Mary, are as fond of picnics as is the average young person. An item in *The London Times* tells of them going down the Thames in skiffs to the royal grounds near old Windsor, on a picnic. With the twenty-year-old princess were her brothers, Prince Albert, who is now twenty-one, Prince Henry, who is seventeen, Prince George, who is nearly fifteen, and Prince John, who is twelve years old.

Everyone is talking about the "Superfluity Booth" that the Daughters of the Empire have been arranging this week to be held at the Exhibition in connection with their handsome Alexandra Rose Booth which is now one of the chief attractions of Fair week. The ladies of this popular order are indefatigable workers and needless to say success is sure to crown their efforts.

Mrs. Palmer entertained informally this week, her guests including Mrs. Snider of Toronto and Mrs. Travers of St. John.

Among the visitors who were widely entertained this week were Mrs. Snider of Toronto and Mrs. Travers of St. John who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. MacCreedy. They left yesterday morning for their homes carrying with them delightful remembrances of the hospitality of their friends who vied with one another to make their visit the enjoyable one it was.

The Halifax exhibition was the big attraction for the past week many visitors going over from the Island. Needless to say the Garden Province carried off many of the prizes, having entries in almost all classes. The races were also hotly contested by Island horses with much success.

The good news was received this week of the safe arrival in England of the railway draft of P.E.I. boys.

The Princess Marie Jose, of Belgium, the little daughter of King Albert, has written to the Canadian Belgian Musical and Dramatic Club to thank the members for their work for "the beautiful cause of the young generation of Belgium."

but the crown cannot dishonor and the cross cannot terrify him. When God made man, He put iron into him, and this man but reveals to others what God meant men to be. It is true that man is fallen; it is not true that he cannot rise. It is true that man is weak; it is not true that he cannot be strong. We recognize heredity, but we recognize also divinity. Heredity is mighty, but the grace of God is stronger still. There is a world of human weakness round about us, and weak men and women are proving false to themselves, their friends, their God; but this is not of necessity. A man may not be able to avoid disaster, but he can escape dishonour; he may not be able to avoid insult, and injustice, and persecution, but he can manage to retain his honesty, and if he die, he can at least die at peace with God. But to do so he must be true to himself, his friend and his God. The price may at times seem great, but the reward is inestimable. —Exchange.

Mrs. Douglas Cameron and family have returned to Ottawa after a delightful outing to Brackley Beach.

In designing skirts for fall and winter, pleated and straight line effects are shown in far greater numbers than are the draped skirts. Virtually the only kind of drapery featured consists of low placed loops on either side, with the skirt proper narrowing to the hem.

The young ladies of the Victoria Tennis Club were busy the past few days, arranging for the Tennis Tournament this afternoon at the Park with the St. James Church Club. To help along they are going to serve a dainty tea, to the visitors present giving the proceeds to some needy patriotic cause.

Birmingham, England, is conspi-

cus for the fact that on twelve Methodist Circuits five local preachers employed are women.

The Marshiness of Londonderry is the Colonel of the English Woman Volunteer Reserve, an organization prepared and uniformed for any sort of service in the event of an invasion of England.

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Men have ever loved the man with the clear eye and the straight tongue, the man who never hedged and never equivocated, who never fawned nor flattered, and who could never be taught to lie. Amid the unstable crowd such a man is conspicuous by his unswerving loyalty to his ideals, and this steadfastness of his onward course resembles that of all the planets. Such a man sometimes falls in flimsie, he sometimes falls to hold his friends, and he sometimes gains a crown of thorns and possibly a cross,