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PSEUDO PATRIOTS CONDEMNED

The Patriot, unable to speak for itself, approvingly quotes a characteristic Moncton Transcript editorial in which the attempt is made to inject the race and religion cry into the present political controversy between conscriptionists and anti-conscriptionists. Intelligent readers of The Charlottetown Guardian will not require to be told that the question at present before Canadians is one neither of race nor of religion; all races and all creeds, with the exception of Alien enemy immigrants, and with the exception also of a misled and deceived section of the province of Quebec, are wholeheartedly and loyally in the war. It is to prevent those others, the enemy aliens and the exceptions in Quebec, led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and toadied to by such newspapers as the Transcript and the Patriot for the sake of a possible party advantage, that the present Military Service Act and the present War Franchise Act were passed by the Dominion Parliament. Both these Acts were supported by Liberals in the House of Commons and the Senate; both were opposed by representatives of the exceptions above referred to. Loyal Canadians, French and English speaking, Catholic and Protestant, supported both measures, and loyal Canadians of all creeds and races are prepared to support the government at the coming election, because the government has adopted the only policy by which Canada can do its whole duty in the war.

When the Transcript and the Patriot say that the government has "disfranchised scores of thousands of English speaking women in four provinces of the dominion" they are talking the wildest nonsense. No women in Canada were disfranchised for the simple reason that they never had the franchise. "One half of the English-speaking people of Canada supports the Liberal party," says the Transcript. Perhaps it did, but we can assure our contemporaries that one half the English speaking people of Canada will not support the present anti-conscriptionist party that still calls itself Liberal. It is not now a question of Liberalism and Conservatism; it is a question of winning the war or not winning it, a question of Canada staying in the war to the end or sneaking out of it. Former Liberals and Conservatives who are real and loyal Canadians will have no hesitation in deciding which policy they shall support and we have no hesitation in expressing the belief that they shall loyally stand by Sir Robert Borden and give him a free hand in enforcing the war measures he has introduced.

The difference between Premier Arsenault and the Acadians of Prince Edward Island on the one hand and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Quebec French majority on the other is this: The former are loyal and patriotic to the back bone, having given practical evidence of it in recruiting and in support of the Military Service Act, while the latter are thoroughly unpatriotic in their flamboyant opposition to compulsory service and to the disfranchisement of enemy aliens. Not later than the 17th instant, Sir Wilfrid declared in the House of Commons "I have been and still am opposed to conscription"; and while discussing the Franchise Bill he asked: "Do you believe that after the war is over, when we send our immigration agents to Eu-

rope to ask for immigrants, we will get them if we pass this legislation?" Who after the experience of the past three years except Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Transcript and the Patriot, would dream of sending immigration agents to Germany to invite the Hun to come and take the place of those brave and gallant Canadians whom they have slaughtered in this hellish war.

WHOSE OX, AGAIN

Recently an Ottawa newspaper suggested that, as the speeches in parliament during closure had shown such a decided improvement both in matter and quality, it might be a good idea to limit all parliamentary speakers to twenty or thirty minutes, whereupon an irate advertiser roundly abused the paper, threatened to withdraw his patronage as an advertiser and to induce others to do so. His reasons were that the presence of members and visitors in Ottawa during the session was a boon to business and that to shorten the session would be a serious injury to the best interests of the city. This man was of a type that is too common. There are many who see even in the war itself only a means by which they can make money. The country's interests count for nothing. Grist to their mill is the only consideration. So long as this type of man lives—and he is to be found in every community—so long shall we have time needlessly wasted, so long shall we have elections thrust upon us at unreasonable and unseasonable times, so long shall we have wars and disturbances, for self-interest is at the bottom of many of our activities, self-interest with little consideration for the welfare of others.

THE DAMNATION OF GERMANY

Another sting has been added to the many inflicted upon Germany during the past three years. The English branch of the International Union of the Catholic Women's League was recently invited to attend a meeting of the Bureau at Lucerne, Switzerland at which peace is to be discussed. Mrs. James Hope, President of the English Branch sent the following withering reply: "We feel it is impossible for English women to meet German women in friendly intercourse as long as crimes against religion and humanity, committed at the instance of the German Government, remain unpunished and not atoned for. We cannot greet German women as sisters in the faith until there has been expiation of these wrongs."

NOTES

Selective conscription means more men for the farms.

Imagine Germany victor because Canada sneaked out. Where would Canada be then?

Somehow or other people believe in Sir Robert Borden as they did in Sir James Whitney.—H. F. Gadsby in Toronto Saturday Night.

Laurier Militia Act would call all men between eighteen and sixty-five. Borden's Selective Military Act calls only those who can best be spared from production.

The question whether Sir Clifford Sifton approved or disapproved of the Military Service Bill when Sir Robert Borden announced the intention of the Government to introduce the measure, is not important. No one particularly likes the legislation, but the situation in Europe permits of no alternative if Canada is to continue to bear her share of the burden. Sir Clifford upon reflection concluded that the duty upon Canada is to send forth such men as can be spared from equally important service to reinforce the army overseas, and this is what really matters.

FAULTY AMMUNITION TRACED TO FORMULA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Colonel George Montgomery, U. S. A., commandant of the Frankford Arsenal, told the House Investigating Committee today that although ammunition experts had advised against using a free sulphur formula for the Government's ammunition primer, the opinion of the War Department was set in favor of such a formula.

This statement by the chief official of the arsenal from which defective ammunition was sent to General Pershing was the outstanding feature of a day by many interrogations by the committee into the work at the Frankford Arsenal. It was shown that the opinion of experts outside the Bureau of Ordnance ran contrary to the practice of the bureau regarding primers before the defective ammunition was discovered recently.

Colonel Montgomery himself seemed to show he was not entirely in favor of the Bureau of Ordnance formula. Formulae used in cartridges made by other establishments and private firms contained a different chemical and seemed to be better. Colonel Montgomery indicated, but the War Department's insistence upon its own secret mixture was so great that it seemed foolish to make any attempt at a change. The Frankford Arsenal and the United States Cartridge Company, he said, were the only two plants producing a primer with free sulphur.

He said also that an ammunition expert without a peer had convinced him in August, 1916, that the sulphur primer was not up to the mark set by modern ammunition. It was shown by the testimony that when the defects in the primers were found to be general the Bureau of Ordnance arranged for the purchase of 55,000,000 primers of different formula from the Winchester Arms Company, and then adopted the Winchester formula.

Testimony showed that the old free sulphur formula is being used in artillery ammunition with perfect results, because it ignites a quick-burning black powder; whereas in small arms ammunition the bullet is shot from the gun by a slow-burning powder.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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MOTHER HUBBARD.

(By Various Poetical Hands.)

By Wordsworth.

Aye, Hubbard was the lady's name,
 Her form was stooped with years.
 She went to get her dog a bone—
 How bitter were her tears,
 Alas, the cupboard shelves were bare,
 The dog in sorrow sat,
 He could not eat at home, and so
 He chased the neighbors' cat.

By Thomas Hood.

Poor Mother Hubbard
 Went for a bone,
 Found her old cupboard
 Empty and lone.
 Then she looked tenderly,
 Looked at her dog,
 Fashion'd so slenderly,
 Empty of "prog."

By Thomas Gray.

Old Mother Hubbard to her pantry went,
 All silver with her bowed and trembling head,
 She looked upon her dog with eyes
 intent,
 In quivering treble these the words
 she said:
 "Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid
 A bone to soothe the hunger of my
 pup."
 She searched the shelves once bound-
 eously arrayed,
 But found not bone, and Towser
 doubled up.

By Rudyard Kipling.

"Oh, what does little Towser want?"
 "He wants a bone, he wants a bone,"
 the Color-Sergeant said.
 "Why does he want a femur, pray?"
 said Files on Parade.
 "He cannot get a porterhouse," the
 Color-Sergeant said.
 The dog is Mother Hubbard's. (Can't
 you hear the bugles play?)
 He hung around the kitchen from the
 earliest streak of day.
 His mistress hunted up and down, her
 form was bowed with care;
 She could not find a single bone, the
 pantry shelves were bare.

By Any Magazine Poet.

Behold the shimmering laces of the
 morn,
 Soft greys and luscious white,
 The hill-top gleams with purple beams
 new-born,
 Westward, the fleeting night,
 The incient seneschal her cupboard
 seeks,
 Bones there are none,
 All pale are little Towser's timid
 cheeks—
 The grab is done.

ANOTHER AGITATOR ARRESTED.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19.—The third anti-conscriptionist orator, arrested for alleged treason, is Paul Emile Mongeau, who was taken into custody this morning. He was arraigned, pleaded not guilty and was allowed out on bail. The first anti-conscriptionist agitator to be arrested was Fernand Villeneuve.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

TORONTO, Sept. 19.—"If the gas man comes, the back door is open." This invitation, pinned on the front door of a Greenwood Avenue home, proved too attractive for some unknown individuals who were quite willing to be gas men, yesterday afternoon, when the occupants were absent.
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STIRRING APPEAL TO FILL DEPLETED RANKS

WINNIPEG, MAN., Sept. 18.

"Why talk about raising grain if all your men are dead" asked Major C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), in addressing the Kiwanis Club today. The major made a vigorous appeal for men to fill the depleted ranks at the front. He urged conscription of men, women, farmers, business materials and wealth. All to be consecrated to the prosecution of the war. Everything had to

be subservient to the war, and he declared that the destiny of Canada could only be solved when French-Canadians were working hand-in-hand with English-speaking peoples. If Canada failed the Empire now, he said, it would be to her eternal shame. No single party in Canada could deal with conscription, nor could one single party solve the problem of Quebec. There must be unity of Government.

At each point he made Major Gordon challenged his hearers if his presentation of the war. Everything had to

correct, and each time he received an affirmative.

St. Joseph, Lewis, July 14, 1903.

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