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most selfish of all reasons, the satisfaction of petty, personal ambitions, civilization is at stake.

We are going to have an election. The Leader of the Opposition has got his first election speech tonight.

I suppose he remembered at that moment that the Ross rifle was the precious pet of an hon. gentleman now gone from us, who for many years was minister of militia in the liberal government.

Does the coherence of his force, does the strength of the determination of one of his supporters in this country, he will have himself by driving a cabinet member who is at present in favor of winning the war into the refuge of the cabin on board a steamer, for taking a particular view as to how it should be won?

Does his right hon. friend contend that he will derive enormous strength for the conduct of this war from people who chase British soldiers from Fletcher's field in Montreal, into a tram car, and then break the windows of the car?

There will be many more subjects arise when we descend to a personal fight than the subject of the Ross rifle. If it was left to the question for which I am not at all sure that my right hon. friend would have the better of the argument.

But the question will inevitably be asked, if you determine to settle this on the line of personalities, who are the people most likely to conduct this war to a satisfactory conclusion, and I venture to say that so far as the clearest of motives is concerned, so far as determination is concerned, so far as working in season and out of season, day and night, with a single eye to VICTORY, for the great principles that are at stake upon the battlefields of Europe today, there is no man in Canada who is fit to stand in the same company as my right hon. friend the leader of the government.

We have had ample evidence given us that the faults of the government will be the main subject of the general election. Will the exposure of the faults of the Ross rifle, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; will the detailing of the incidents, or supposed incidents, such as have constituted the first election speech of my right hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, help to win this war? Will it encourage recruiting? I venture to think that the campaign conducted by my right hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, pure as are his own motives, great imperial statesman AS HE HAS BEEN, and I say it without one single reservation, his motives, he knows that so, exposing these facts from one end of the country to the other must have the effect of DETERRING RECRUITING, and making people wonder whether this war is worth pursuing; and paralyzed as his hands will be during the war by what must be one of the main engines of his power, lacking the driving force on ground, that I do not want to amplify, but which I look upon with sorrow, he will not be in a position, he cannot be in a position, to go on with this war with the determination that has characterized the composite supporters of the war.

For the good of the country, for the purity of our politics, the next general election ought NOT to be fought upon the faults of the government. Every administration suffers for its faults, and this administration will be no exception to what rule. But when the exposure of the faults of the government, the mythical form of stories of the jamming of rifles, and the weeping of men in the trenches, it constitutes

not only an ignoble campaign, but an obstacle to further successful prosecution of the war, and I venture to think that a general election, carried on by my right hon. friend, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, along the lines that he has taken tonight will not only divide Canada, but will PARALYZE Canada, and will put Canada out of the war and mark her as a degenerate and inferior portion of the British Empire.

Now, I come to another of the arguments of my right hon. friend, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as to the absence of soldiers' voting bill, because I held there should be no election during the war, is that we propose to conduct an unseemly wrangle for jobs from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and concerning how the country should be governed, in the absence of those heroes, but for whose efforts we should NOT have any country to govern.

I have tried to amplify a few of the arguments of my right hon. friend the prime minister. I have said that in the presentation of those arguments, the debate lost nothing in dignity from its character of last year. This afternoon, when the prime minister sat down, I expected a repetition of what happened last year. I expected the leader of the opposition, would have followed the right hon. gentleman who leads the government. I thought we had come to the moment of ABDICATION on the part of my right hon. friend. Last year the speech of the prime minister was backed up by the leader of the opposition in a speech of moving ground.

Canada was committed to undivided effort for the winning of this war, and that speech of moving and stately eloquence was so able and so cogent that it deprived the rest of this assembly of any desire to speak. But what happened this year was that a lieutenant, (Mr. Graham) of my right hon. friend the prime minister, ventured to characterize as a statutory motion, that means straightforward motion, that I am why I voted against it. Everybody in this country, fortunately for myself, knows that I favor the substance and principle of his amendment, but it was a right amendment introduced at the wrong time. Having thought it right to attain, and I think having attained, some character of straightforwardness in the minds of the Canadian people, I thought I could venture to run the risk of any misinterpretation, that might come by my vote, by being straightforward still, and running the risk in what I have taken to be a trickery that statesmanlike all, was more naturally precluded by the rules of this house from saying anything on that amendment, and I had no great desire to speak to it, because I have spoken on it again and again, and the people of this country know where I stand on the question of direct taxation and conscription of wealth to win the war.

Following the speech of the hon. member for South Renfrew, (Mr. Graham), we heard a speech from my hon. friend from St. John (Mr. Pugsley), and then finally we came to the main subject before the house.

I would make an appeal to the right hon. gentlemen in this house, that they should not help contrasting what happened last year with what has happened this year. No one can turn his back upon his previous opinion with more delight than my right hon. friend the leader of the opposition, (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). Long practice brings one to perfection along certain lines. However, I am bound to say that if the people of this country will read the speeches of last year and will read the speeches of tonight, they will come to the conclusion that the PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION IS THE SAME, that conditions are the same in the main, and the change is in my right hon. friend the leader of the opposition.

What that change is, I have already characterized, and I do not think the people of this country will be in any doubt about it.

I wish that, even now, the two right honorable gentlemen who lead the respective parties in this house, would consider a moderate proposition. I have stated, taking my inspiration from what was said by my right honorable friend who preceded me (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) that an election on the grounds I have mentioned, would be a misfortune for the country. I have asked that if should not be fought upon the faults of the government; I have asked that it should not be fought upon a difference of issue as to policy, because both sides pretend to have the same policy. It would be a splendid thing for this country if, even now, moderate counsels should prevail, and a course of procedure adopted that would rebound to the lasting honor of Canada.

What should the next election be fought upon? When the war is nearing an end, of which there is no sign at the present moment, the question of the reconstruction of Canada will come up for consideration, before the house.

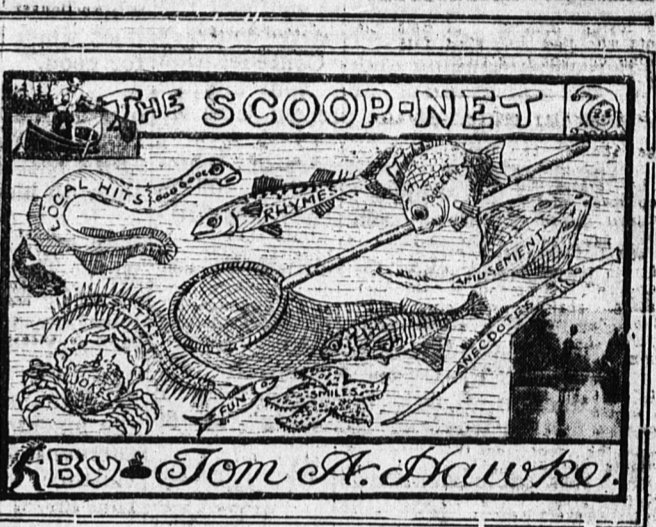
As I said, I have not much hope of my appeal bearing fruit after the very firm and determined stand taken by my right honorable friend, the leader of the opposition. And we shall have to face an election. We shall have to go on with it. Well, the responsibility will be fixed by the people of this country, and I do not think that after the issues are fully debated and the circumstances fully understood, there will be

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THOSE people, who before the war broke out, declared there was no "emergency" are, apparently, still firmly of that opinion. IT IS SAID that the sun never sets on the British flag. Of course exception must be made in the case of Charlottetown, where the poor, overworked officials are too tired to lower the flag at sundown.

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