

# The Charlottetown Guardian

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## SIR ROBERT BORDEN'S VISIT

The people, irrespective of party, are looking forward with pleasure to the visit of Sir Robert L. Borden on Thursday next, Sir Robert will be accompanied by one or more prominent Unionists, including probably Mr. F. B. Carvell who is with him on his maritime tour and will address a meeting in Amherst before proceeding to this province.

As the time at their disposal is limited, only one meeting will be held in this province, namely the one in Charlottetown, but ample accommodation has been provided and train arrangements made which will enable people from all parts of the province to be present. Special trains will run from Souris, Georgetown, Montague, and Summerside, returning after the meeting. The Market Hall and the Prince Edward Theatre have been secured so that all who come will have an opportunity of hearing all the speakers, each of whom will give an address in both theatres.

There are many reasons why the people of the province should be interested in hearing and seeing the Prime Minister during whose regime more has been done for the province than ever before in its history. The car ferry, the annual subsidy of \$100,000, the Agricultural grant and many other things done for our province since 1911 will stand for generations to come as monuments to the regime of Sir Robert Borden. But great as these are and greatly as they have been appreciated there is a yet greater reason why our people should want to see and hear Sir Robert Borden and his Unionist colleagues. They will want to hear from Sir Robert Borden's own lips why he has adopted the war policy that is now on trial in Canada; they will want to hear from the lips of former lieutenants of Sir Wilfrid Laurier why, in this crisis in the history of Canada, they were obliged to abandon their former leader and throw in their lot with Sir Robert Borden on his war policy; they will want to know at first hand why the two great political parties threw all their former policies into a common melting pot and brought forth a policy on which all could unite—with the single aim of saving Canada and Canadian liberty and the Empire.

There are still men and women among us who while clinging to old political traditions have failed to grasp the significance and the necessity of the new coalition of interests; have failed to realize that Canada is face to face with national death and that on the present movement depends whether it shall be death or life. These especially are asked to attend this meeting and hear for themselves what the great leaders in the new movement will have to say.

Canadian history that will live forever is being written in blood on European battlefields, and on the seventeenth of this month, at Canadian polling booths, a paragraph will be added to that history that future generations will read either with pride or with shame; it will tell whether Canada has stood by her sons, by her motherland, by her allies, or sneaked out; whether she has implemented her promise to pay the full price to the last man and the last dollar or, as Dr. Andrew Macphail puts it, she has dropped out, a "Sapphira among the nations."

Thursday night's meeting will be a historic one, as different from the ordinary political meeting as present events are different from all that preceded them. We trust that, in their own interests, no one who can possibly be present, will miss this opportunity of hearing the leaders whose names will figure so prominently in the future history of Canada.

## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST UNION

If it were true, as the Laurierites assert, that the Borden Government while in power was extravagant, was corrupt, was vacillating and weak kneed, as it is not, it would still be no argument against the present Union Government. If, as the Laurierites assert, all the brains and the loyalty and the business acumen of Canadians were centred in the former Liberal party, then surely, if the leaders of that party have left it and joined the Union Government, we must have in the latter all the good that was in both. Our Laurierite friends persistently ignore the fact that the strength of former Liberalism has left it, that the party is now made up of a remnant of the old Liberal party and that those who left it did so on grounds of loyalty. Is

it likely that such men as W. S. Fielding, A. K. Maclean, F. B. Carvell, W. N. Rowell—men of outstanding ability, to say nothing of those who were not so well known—were mistaken in their belief that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was wrong in his war policy? Is it likely that these men would sever life-long political ties, would abandon a leader whom they had followed faithfully for years, unless they saw good reason for such an extraordinary course? The reason they give is that they saw in Laurier's policy the practical abandonment by Canada of her rightful and honorable course in the war, the betrayal of her soldiers at the front and the consequent disgrace of Canada among the nations.

It is inconsistent for those who still follow the Laurier banner to call themselves the Liberal party. The Liberal party has repudiated Laurier, and those who follow him still are Laurierites and must be so distinguished from the real Liberals who have separated themselves from his leadership and chosen the path that appears to them to be the path of national honor and safety.

## CHALLENGE TO THE PATRIOT

The Patriot delights in harrowing the feelings of its readers by alleging the dreadful abuse which The Guardian is heaping upon the head of "the old man eloquent" of Canadian politics. We are not aware of ever having transgressed in this respect or having been guilty of the use of unparliamentary language towards Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We regret we cannot say the same of the Patriot's treatment of Sir Robert Borden, for though the Patriot may have a short memory with regard to its own sins others have not. It was the Patriot who compared Sir Robert Borden to Nero—the foulest fiend in history.

The Guardian makes this challenge to the Patriot: Let the Patriot appoint a judge, and The Guardian will appoint one, and let these two appoint a third. Let them go over the files of The Guardian and The Patriot for the past six months and for every instance of abusive epithet or unparliamentary language used regarding the respective leaders, let the newspaper guilty pay \$100 to the Red Cross Fund.

We want The Patriot's acceptance of this challenge, and as a token of good faith we would suggest that each paper place \$100 in the hands of the judges.

## THE PATRIOT MEANEST YET

Nothing more discreditable has yet been advanced by the Patriot—and that is saying a good deal—than its attempt in yesterday's issue to frighten the "young wives and mothers" with imaginary terrors regarding conscription, which a few months ago it was unswervingly in favor of. It tells these "young wives and mothers" that their husbands and sons, although now exempted, will be called up again if the Union Government comes into power. The Patriot knows the conditions of the Military Service Act, although it has studiously attempted to misconstrue them; it knows that the Act provides for the exemption of every man who is essential to the occupation in which he is engaged; it knows that those exempted by the tribunals were exempted according to the provisions of the Act, namely that they were engaged in necessary occupations; and it knows that the reasons for which they were exempted by the present tribunals will exempt them again if other classes should be called. And the Patriot knows that it has been publicly announced by Sir Robert Borden that the needed 100,000 men will be forthcoming from the class that is now called. In the face of all this it is now using as a weapon to terrorize such women as may not know any better than to believe it, the policy which only a few short months ago it declared was "the only way to treat the people fairly" and the policy from which it boldly stated it had never swerved.

The "young wives and mothers" must be unsophisticated indeed if they pay any attention to any political argument advanced by the Patriot. It has advocated and condemned, has stood on both sides of practically every question that has come up for discussion, in the present campaign, has always made its appeals to ignorance or to prejudice. What will the "young wives and mothers" who know, think of this, its latest appeal? In the Patriot's own words, "it's damnable."

## NOTES

Premier Borden said at London he was satisfied that the 100,000 men of "A" category would be forthcoming from Class One, and that they would be sent overseas in drafts of 20,000. Spreading the calls over a period will minimize any adverse effect on industry.

# EVERY CANADIAN ACROSS POND CAN MARK HIS BALLOT

### Whether in Trenches or on Leave, in France or England, or Neutral Countries—System Perfect—Appeals of Both Sides in British Press.

LONDON, November 30.—A gain today, almost every journal has its Canadian election story, special prominence being given to Gen. Turner's message to Gen. Mewburn making it clear that the Fifth Division must be dispersed to reinforce Gen. Currie's divisions in France unless fresh drafts are immediately forthcoming.

The Union manifesto's published in today's papers assert that at least a year's delay would be caused by Laurier's referendum proposal.

Mr. Preston, on the other hand in a manifesto on behalf of the Liberal Candidates, asserts that the referendum will cause no delay, and will secure a united Dominion. Mr. Preston also begs the overseas electors to remember that in forty years of political life Laurier has kept every pledge given to the public "you can trust him again."

Union statements tell the Canadian soldiers he has the choice between the appeal of Gen. Currie and policy of Mr. Oliver, Laurier's Lieutenant, who has never ceased to depreciate the work of Canadian generals in the field.

The choice is also between "fresh help for the attenuated ranks and a creed of shirking betrayal which will strain the fair name of Canada and

make the dead of Ypres, Courcellette, Vimy and Passchendaele turn in their graves."

Another published statement is "Every nation in this war is watching the way Canada goes. Germany is more interested than anybody. Potsdam has a good finger in the underground anti-Government propaganda going on throughout the Dominion just now."

Col. Purney, the returning officer, says the polling machinery is so perfected that every overseas elector, whether in the line hospital or camp or on leave here or in France, will be able to vote. Even invalided Canadians in Switzerland will be reached.

WINDERMERE.

## ENDORSED BY MR. CARVELL

Liberal Convention Asks His Opponent to Withdraw.

ANDOVER, N. B., Dec. 1.—A convention of Liberals of Carleton-Victoria here today passed a resolution unanimously requesting the Laurierite candidate, James E. Porter, to withdraw.

Mr. Porter, addressing the convention, declined to retire. The convention endorsed Mr. F. B. Carvell and the Union Government.

## SWITZERLAND'S FOUR FRONTIERS CLOSED

GENEVA, Nov. 30.—The Austrian and German frontiers were closed last night. Both the French and Italian frontiers had already been closed for an indefinite period. Thus Switzerland's four frontiers are now sealed for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louison.

## OVER LOOKED BEST THINGS

### Story of a Man Who Kept Looking for Coins

It is good always to look up, says The Messenger of the Sacred Heart. A story is told of a man who one day in his youth found a gold coin in the street. Ever after this he kept his eyes on the ground as he walked, watching for coins. True, during his long lifetime he found a goodly number of gold and silver pieces, but meanwhile he never saw the flowers, plants and trees which grew in such wondrous beauty and variety everywhere; he never saw the hills, the valleys and the picturesque landscapes; he never saw even the blue sky above his head. In fact, to him this fair world meant only a dreary and dusty road, merely a place in which to look for coins.

This is really the story of thousands of men. They dwarf their lives and hinder their possibilities. They never lift their eyes off the earth. They live only to gather money, to add field to field, to find pleasure or to scheme for honor and power. They never lift up their eyes to the hills that pierce the very clouds. There is no blue sky in their picture. They have no heavenly visions. They are without God in the world.

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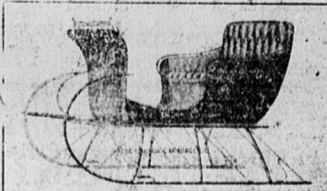
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