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POSSIBLE ELECTION

The situation at Ottawa has been further complicated, according to our despatches yesterday morning, by the unexpected and surprising action of Mr. George P. Graham in moving a resolution demanding conscription of wealth before granting an extension of parliament.

It was to be expected that those who are opposed to the Military Service Bill would do everything in their power to obstruct its passage and to at least delay it if they could not defeat it.

A general election is possible. Sir Robert Borden intimated clearly that unanimity in the request for extension was necessary to obtain the consent of the Imperial authorities for extension.

POLITICAL DEGENERACY

The campaign that is being conducted by Mr. Bell on behalf of his candidates in the two by-elections in Prince and Kings counties cannot but arouse feelings of pity, if not contempt, for the man who, past the zenith of his manhood, has degenerated into a condition from which could emanate such a "platform" as that whose absolute falsity was exposed in yesterday morning's Guardian.

Every charge brought by Mr. Bell against the government was fully threshed out at the recent session of the legislature; documentary proof in official and incontrovertible evidence was furnished to show that there was not a scintilla of truth in his allegations.

founded, and deals them out to the electorate hoping that some of the falsehoods may still make an impression, that some one who does not know any better may believe that the government is wrong and Mr. Bell right.

In forcing this contest upon these two constituencies contrary to the known wishes of the constituencies themselves, Mr. Bell in the first place acted contrary to the expressed wishes of his better thinking colleagues, and in his methods of campaigning he has disgusted very many of the friends he had in his own party.

Everybody loves a clean, well-played game and even admires the man who goes down to defeat playing the game squarely, and everybody as cordially detests the shifty trickster who undertakes to "sink everything," even honour, to accomplish his purpose.

STIRRING LIBERAL APPEAL

The Toronto Globe, the leading Liberal organ in Canada, is evidently not at one with that remnant of the Liberal party which is now holding up and obstructing Canada's efforts in the war.

"It is the war itself, the very conditions of the war, that, in the Globe's judgment, make necessary all this marshalling of all the forces and all the resources of the Nation in defence of the Nation itself, and of the world ideas now at stake in the conflict of all nations.

"Hate conscription? The Globe has always hated it, and hates it now more than ever, and hates the whole impudent philosophy of war out of which it grows. But here war is, a terrible fact which Canada cannot dodge.

Everything worth fighting for in all the achievements of liberalism in Canada is at stake in this struggle. If Germany wins in Europe today, nothing in the charter of Canada's freedom is secure.

NOTES

The Patriot under the appropriate heading "Mid-summer Madness" in its yesterday's issue gives an exhibition of that peculiar malady by repeating the charges made in its previous issue and fully replied to in yesterday's Guardian.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA.—The statement made in the Commons on Friday by Sir Robert Borden that the proposal for extending the life of Parliament will be moved in the Commons on Monday, greatly interests the politicians and others.

The conscription bill is now ready for third reading. So far as general discussion is concerned the long struggle is practically over. The last test will come on Tuesday, when the Commons will vote on the third reading.

The report which Mr. W. F. O'Connor, the Cost of Living Commissioner, made to the Minister of Labor, as the result of his investigation into cold storage conditions in Canada, was tabled in the Commons on Friday afternoon, and is now in the hands of Parliament.

WAR BREAKS CLASS LINES. Providence Journal: The war has witnessed a remarkable breaking down of class lines in Great Britain. Master and servant, superior and subordinate, having fought side by side, will never renew quite the old mutual relationship again.

Don't hunt after trouble, but look for success. You'll find what you look for; don't look for distress. If you see but your shadow, remember, I pray, That the sun is still shining, but you're in the way. Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk. Don't think of your worries, but think of your work. The worries will vanish, the work will be done. No man sees his shadow who faces the sun.

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clause to the effect that the act comes into force by proclamation was eliminated on motion of Hon. Mr. Meighen, and it will come into force now when sanctioned by the Governor General.

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a published statement, denies that his company made undue profits and charges the Cost of Living Commissioner with making inaccurate and misleading statements. Coming as the report does at a time when high prices are compelling many thousands of people to go practically meatless, and when the Food Controller is appealing to Canadians to cut down their consumption of bacon by one third, everybody will want to know how it comes that any firm in this country is being enabled to take such a heavy toll of profit out of this article of food alone.

ary report the better for all concerned. A law that does not make provision for the punishment of those who violate its provisions is of little use and is quick-consigned to the scrap heap. A measure of conscription that would admit of its being violated with impunity would not be worth the paper it is written on.

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