

People of Prince Edward Island, Today will decide this Province's Place in the Empire and in History. Shall we be Red-Blooded Canadians true to our Allies--or shall we be Quitters and Deserters, the Meroz of the Empire?

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Vote for Union Candidates, Support the Boys at the Front and Maintain the Integrity of the Empire. The Union Candidates are, Prince---A. A. Lefurgey, Queen's---A. Martin and D. Nicholson, Kings---James McIsaac.

THE SOLDIERS ANSWER FOR UNION

The best reply to the Patriot's cooked up "Ottawa" story in its yesterday's issue repeating the falsehood that "indignation is rife among the troops on account of the treatment handed out" and that "the soldiers vote overseas will be strongly against the Union Government," is a petition published in the Halifax papers the other day, signed by 110 returned soldiers now convalescing in hospital. The petition speaks for itself, and for the soldiers overseas as well, as follows:

"TO THE PEOPLE OF NOVA SCOTIA"

"The undersigned Nova Scotia soldiers, who have been at the front, experienced the horrors and enjoyed the Glory and Pride of Fighting for their Country and Humanity,--and many of them having incurred serious wounds, many of them maimed for life,--now convalescing at Pine Hill Military Hospital, Halifax, fully realizing the

GRAVITY of the military situation, the PERIL that our brothers in arms are in, and the VITAL necessity of sending reinforcements, hereby appeal to the men and the women of Halifax and all Nova Scotia to vote only for candidates who have pledged themselves (AND WHO CAN BE TRUSTED) to sustain a government PLEDGED to send reinforcements without one hour's unnecessary delay.

Here follow the names, Regiment and home addresses of the 110 soldiers. The Island soldiers included are:

Pte. D. Clary, 60th, Milton Cross, P. E. I. Gr. W. H. Singleton, 97th Siege Batt., Eldon, P. E. I. Pte. E. G. Richardson, 14th Bristol, P. E. I. Pte. W. McDonald, 60th, Charlottetown, Pte. H. Huggan 26th, Charlottetown, Pte. W. Gay, 5th S. A. D. Charlottetown; Pte. F. H. Hooper, 2nd, Siege Batt., Charlottetown; Pte. P. L. Mann, 105th, Charlottetown.

A CALL TO THE WOMEN OF CANADA

Mothers, wives and sisters of Canada, our nation is in peril. We are at a crisis and the women of Canada who have been given the privilege and responsibility of the ballot can avert the crisis. Are we going to do it?

With our right hand we can ward off the great calamity that is assuredly coming upon us, but not if we sit at home and refuse to use our franchise for the protection of our Home, Dominion and Empire. Canada! this dearly beloved land of ours, this land of the maples, one of the best countries in the world to-day.

Are we going to stand idly by and allow the one province, Quebec, to dominate the control of the whole Dominion; that is what is coming if we do not stand to a woman for the Union Government.

We have it in our power to unite the two great political parties, Conservatives and Liberals, in one strong determined power, that will never give up till the war is won, and our nation and Empire, yes, and all the world is free from that monstrous power that is determined to conquer the world.

Our worthy and honorable Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, after deep and conscientious thought, came to the conclusion that what was ne-

cessary to win the war was a strong United Government, comprised of the two great political parties, and to that end he set his mind, with the result that we have now a Union Cabinet, and if we women do our duty we can help elect a Union Government.

All honor is due the Conservative Ministers of the late Cabinet, who have stepped out to give place to Liberals so that a Union Cabinet might be possible. Also to the Conservative members all over the Dominion, who have stood aside to allow an equal number of Liberals to be elected to form a United Government.

The sacrifice these men have made was essential, for in no other way could a Union Government be formed.

And now it is our turn, both men and women, who wish to save our country from defeat, to make some sacrifice, by giving up their old party politics and standing unitedly for a Union Government.

The splendid army of our Canadian women, who have given so much of their loving service, money and influence to win this war, by helping in the great Red Cross work, knitting, sending socks and comforts to our soldiers, also in the patriotic work, helping to collect money for our soldiers, wives and families, a t home,

and in many other ways, these women who have done so much for their country, and to whom the ballot has not been given, to them shall come honor and soul satisfaction if they by their personal influence help elect a Union Government for Canada, so that the war may be won.

Let us remember that we women of Canada have never had the ballot, and it has not therefore been taken away from us.

There is a reason why all the women of the Dominion could not be given the franchise. If the late Government had given all the women of Canada, including the foreigners and the conscientious objectors, the ballot, they would have brought destruction to our country.

In the province of Quebec (the province that presumes to rule Canada) they have large families with so many young women who are old enough to have the ballot. These with the others mentioned would greatly outnumber us, so the time had to be drawn somewhere.

To all the women who have done such splendid work since the war broke out, we would say, "gird on the armour and go into the battle, with a determination to stay with it to the finish."

Oh women that have the ballot, let

us bestir ourselves, when we think that more than 30,000 of the sons of Canada have paid the supreme sacrifice for us. Their bodies are resting in that land so far away from the lonely mothers, wives and sisters.

These men have given their lives to save us from the fate of the Belgian women. If they had not obeyed the call of God, and gone forth to battle long ere this, the Germans would have been crushing us.

What are we going to do in return for the thousands of our sons who have followed them across the seas to continue the struggle on our behalf? Are we going to help the Government that will send reinforcements in men and money, to help our soldiers, or for the Opposition who will destroy Canada's part in this great war, and bring dishonor on the honorable name, that our dead and living soldiers have won for us among the nations of the world?

Women of Canada how can any of us vote against those loved ones, who have been so willing to give their lives, if need be, to save us? If we, and those opposed to Canada continuing in the war are elected, through the years to come our hearts will bleed from a condemned conscience, and we shall always have to keep the secret hidden away in our minds that we voted against our son, husband or brother, as the case may be.

Now is our opportunity. We can never go back and undo what we have done, and these words of James R. Lowell seem very appropriate just at this crisis in our national life:--

"Once to every man and nation,
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth and Falsehood,
For the good and evil side;
Some great cause--God's new Messiah
Offering each the bloom or blight
Parts the goats upon the left hand
And the sheep upon the right;
And the choice goes by forever,
'Twixt the darkness and the light."

(MRS.) J. OLIVIA BOYD,
Huntsville,
Ontario.

ARTILLERIES MODERATELY ACTIVE ALONG BRITISH FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 12.--The war announcement tonight reads: "Both artilleries were moderately active along the greater part of the front. There was no infantry action. "Belgian communication: For the last two days the artillery activity has been comparatively slight. "Eastern theatre. Dec. 12.--There was artillery activity along the front between Lake Doiran and the Vardar."

ITALIANS RECAPTURED POSITION TAKEN BY ENEMY.

ROME, Dec. 12.--The text of Monday's war office statement on military operations is as follows: "At dawn yesterday the enemy, by a surprise action in force east of Capo Sile (on the Lower Piave) succeeded in reaching some observation trenches held by us on the left of Piave Vecchia and Agenzia Zulant, and in taking possession of them after a hand-to-hand struggle with the small but gallant garrison. Early last night, in a counter-attack, we recaptured the entire position, driving back the troops occupying it and capturing thirty-five of them. Numerous enemy supports which came promptly were violently attacked and put to flight, suffering severe losses."

"During this brilliant operation, the Third Battalion of the 225th Infantry Regiment of the Arrezzo Brigade particularly distinguished itself. "On the remainder of the front there were the usual artillery actions. "The enemy fire was more insistent south of Asiago, on the Goldeila Berietta and in the Monte Tomba region. Our batteries shelled enemy masses and movements here and there."

"A battery of the Imperial Navy having found the range on a bridge thrown by the enemy between Vianello ad Chacco obtained a direct hit on it putting it out of commission for a time, while a heavy traffic of troops and transports was in progress. "A French airman brought down an enemy aeroplane."

WHY LOBSTERS ARE HIGHER

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 14.--Patrons of big city restaurants might not see any connection between the high price of spruce lumber and a scarcity of lobsters, with resultant advanced values, but there is a very intimate and substantial relation between the two.

Years ago, when, although, perhaps there were no more lobsters in the sea than now, fewer people ate the shell fish, spruce lumber was selling at \$16 to \$20 per thousand. Lobster pots, traps and pounds are made of spruce, joists, boards and laths. Also years ago Manila hemp rigging was selling at about half the present price. Lobstermen use a lot of that.

And, furthermore, and perhaps most important of all, gasoline is very expensive now. Lobstermen go about in these times in motor boats instead of rowing dories to and from their traps, and the motors must be fed.

All these things make lobstering expensive, and for that reason, with plenty of good paying jobs in other lines waiting for them, hundreds of Maine men who have spent years in coaxing the "makings" of broiled lives from the deep will abandon the business until prices of materials set down again. Thus far this season 3,193 lobstermen have applied to the Sea and Shore Fisheries Commissioner for licenses, or 700 fewer than usual. So there will be a shortage in the lobster crop in Maine.

HE'LL WANT TO KNOW



Daddy, how did you vote in the Big War Election?

ANXIETY



THE KAISER--How is Canada voting?



MAKE EVERY BALLOT A BULLET FOR BILL