

BORDEN'S GREAT SPEECH

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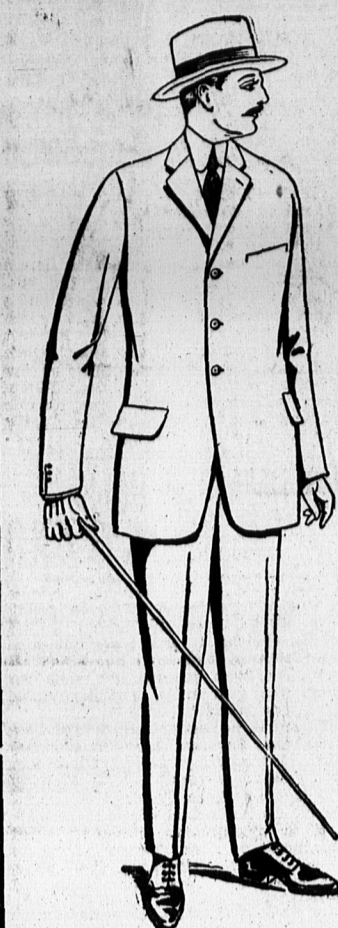
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OUR MEN WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED FOUR OR FIVE TIMES AND RETURNED ONCE MORE TO THE TRENCHES, BECAUSE REINFORCEMENTS DON'T GO TO THEM FROM CANADA. Under such circumstances, what could I do? ONLY ONE THING! The law, which has been the law of Canada for forty-nine years, had to be brought into effect. It has been on the Statute Book all the time. We have never had to use it before, thank God for that! And I hope we shall never have to use it again. The time has now come—if ever in the history of our country there was necessity for it, it is now—when, for the national preservation, resort must be had to that law. I went to the law and found that selection could be made from men between the ages of 18 and 60 BY BLIND CHANCE. We amended it so that it would apply to men from 20 to 45—and selection not by blind chance but intelligent judgment. (Hear, hear. Applause.) It would be perfectly idle, in a war like this, to make selection by blind chance, so we had to be appointed. The Government did not appoint them; the Government had nothing to do with their selection. They were selected by independent authority. It was their duty to determine whether a man could give better service than the man being replaced in which he is engaged at home, or standing in the firing line and standing with those who have borne the burden during the past two and a half years. Doubtless those tribunals have made mistakes, some in one way and some in another. You could not take twenty-seven hundred men from all parts of Canada and expect that their decisions would be uniform. All essential national industries must be kept going and the financial stability maintained. We must be able to feed our men, and pay our men and carry on the financial burden imposed by the war. If any man in Canada believes injustice has been done him in refusal of exemption, he has his right under the act. In the last resort, if the Minister of Militia and Defence finds there has been a clear case, he may refer the matter to the service to the country by staying at home, he can do what the authorities in England did—bring them back and set them to the occupations they have previously been engaged in. It is said, in some parts of Canada, exemption has not been granted indiscriminately. The Government is reserving its right to appeal. The purpose of the Government is that the Military Service Act shall be enforced FAIRLY, IMPARTIALLY, JUSTLY, CONSIDERATELY, but FIRMLY in every community and district and province of this Dominion, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier tells us we ought not to enforce the Military Service Act until we have a referendum!

A DANGEROUS UNTRUTH. I am told that in this Island the canvass has been made which has been made elsewhere—that there is an abundance of reinforcements in the British Islands at the present time and no more men are needed. I DESIRE TO STATE THAT STATEMENT AS ABSOLUTELY UNFOUNDED! I know that of which I speak. (Hear, hear.) We have about 22,000 men ready for reinforcements, with about 13,000 of these men still under training, some having been wounded over and over again, and some being drafts from Canada. We had that before the fight on Passchendaele Ridge, AND WE HAD ABOUT TEN THOUSAND CASUALTIES THERE! Before Passchendaele Ridge was taken by our troops we believed, we had about enough, with further reinforcements from Canada, to hold Canadian Army Corps at full strength until April 1st. I doubt whether we have that now. I won't speak with authority, but I very greatly doubt, we have that now, because the casualties were greater than anticipated. But I do say that, with the utmost possible expedition in the enforcement of the Military Service Act, we will barely be able to keep the Canadian Army Corps at full strength, AND IF YOU DELAY THE ENFORCEMENT OF THAT ACT UNTIL A REFERENDUM IS HELD, YOU ARE PRACTICALLY PUTTING CANADA OUT OF THE WAR, BECAUSE YOU COULD NOT PUT A



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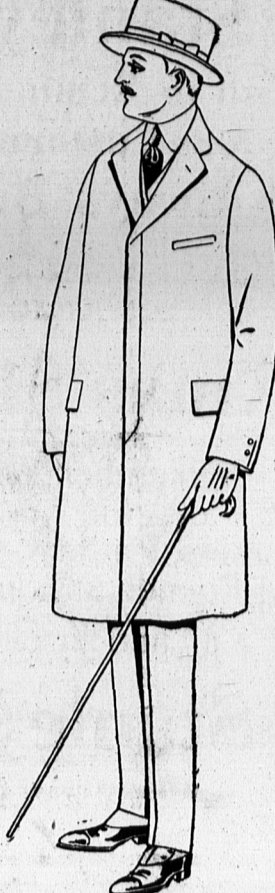
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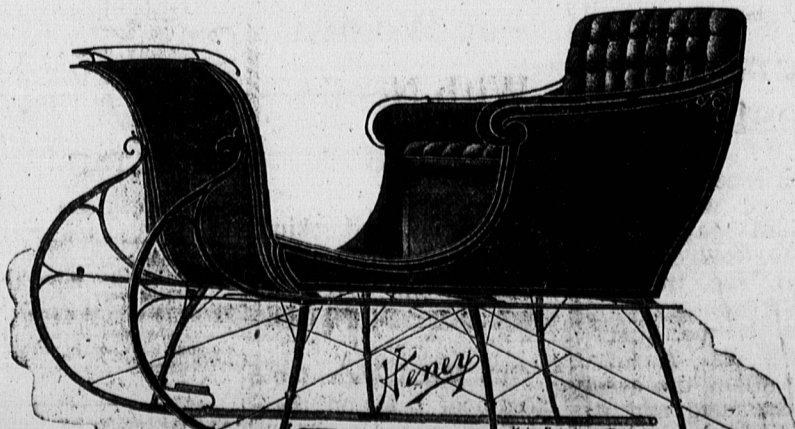
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responsibility will be adequately discharged. I leave it with you at that. It is upon you, upon each of you who by voice, vote or influence, can help to determine the result, and I pray that the message that you send to those men beyond the seas will be one of hope and joy and confidence as it is flashed across the Atlantic on the 18th of this month. (Enthusiastic applause.) The test comes to you, and with it comes the greatest responsibility that the people of Canada were ever called upon to bear. The responsibility is upon everyone. You cannot evade it, man or woman. I am sure the womanhood of Canada will not want to evade it, because if any war ever appealed to the womanhood of the country this war ought to appeal to the womanhood of the world. (Applause.) The Germans are fighting by methods so barbarous, damnable and utterly unheard of in modern warfare, that women to whom the higher dictates of humanity must appeal with greater force than to the men, must realize, even more than the men that this war may make the world a very different thing to those who come after us. Germany is not so decisively defeated. Unless that wild beast of militarism is crushed forever, the world in the years to come will be very different indeed from what it has been; and more than that, Germany will dominate the world in the end, or your children or children's children will have to fight out this battle again. NONE OF US WISH THAT IT SHALL BE INDETERMINATE! The sacrifice and loss and sorrow that has come to so many homes all over Canada, the sorrow that has come to so many homes in this Island and in this town, that will all have been in vain. But I do not believe the life-blood of our young men has been poured out for any such indecisive result. Those men over there are supremely confident that the purpose for which Canada sent them forth can be accomplished if you give them the support to which they are entitled, in all honour, under your pledge, as you send them forth; and I venture to believe that your

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