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THE WINNIPEG CONVENTION

The manipulation of the party machine was very evident at the Winnipeg convention. As our readers know the convention was called at the instance of the Win-the-War Liberals with the avowed object of arriving at conclusions as to Canada's place in the war and the Liberals' place in Canada.

The Mail and Empire, several days before the convention, accurately sized up the methods that would be employed by the machine and its forecast was fulfilled to the letter. "If the delegates," says the Mail and Empire, "seemed too earnest in their desire to shove Canada's war-work ahead, to be dissuaded, the scheming agents would ingratiate themselves by appearing anxious also to put more vigor into war organization."

writer asserted that every loyal citizen was in favour of compulsory service. Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a statement in the House of Commons in which he stated in plain language that he was absolutely opposed to compulsory military service. Yet the Patriot comes out in its yesterday's issue and informs its readers that it supports Sir Wilfrid Laurier notwithstanding his opposition to conscription.

As usual our agile contemporary in order to cover up its tracks introduces the personal element and makes allegations concerning the opposition to Sir Wilfrid. This will have no effect with unbiased readers. The question to be decided upon by every one is, can a leader who had declared himself as unalterably opposed to conscription claim support from "unswerving conscriptionists."

SIR ROBERT'S LAST WORD

"In that wonderful pastoral letter which Cardinal Mercier addressed to the Belgian people last year I find these eloquent words: 'Let us acknowledge that we needed a lesson in patriotism. There are Belgians, and many such, who wasted their time and their talents in futile quarrels of class with class, of race with race, of passion with personal passion yet, when on the 2nd of August, a mighty foreign power confident in its own strength and defiant of the faith of treaties dared to threaten us in our independence, then did all Belgians, without difference of party or of condition or of origin, rise up as one man, close ranged about their own king and their own Government and cried: 'Thou shalt not go through!' It is this united unconquerable spirit that I would commend to my fellow countrymen if it were my last word."—Sir Robert Borden.

NOTES

The Great War Veterans' Association all over Canada is strongly in favor of conscription. So are the men at the front and their hundreds of thousands of relatives in Canada. So also is every man who believes that it is the duty of this country to continue in the war to the finish no matter what sacrifices may be involved.

L'Evenement of Quebec makes the pertinent comment on the National Service census: "From the time National Service was instituted in this country in December, 1916, the whole Liberal press devoted itself to discrediting this patriotic organization in the eyes of the electors of this province. One of the results was that more than half the electors did not properly respond to the Government's questions. Still, the National Service plan, rightly understood and rightly seconded, would have been of enormous value to Canada."

SINCERE LIBERALS OF WEST FIGHTING THE PARTY MACHINE

Stampede to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Was Engineered in Alberta and at Meeting Preceding Winnipeg Convention There Was Enthusiasm in His Favor. Dr. Clark Was Given Cool Reception. Manitoba Delegates Stand for Union Government. Premier T. C. Norris is the Outstanding Figure of Convention.

WINNIPEG—Three words have been tabooed at the conference of western liberals last night and during the first two sessions today. "Laurier," "Sifton," and "Conscription," have been for the time being eliminated from the western liberal vocabulary. The stampede to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, engineered in Alberta, reached its climax last evening, but today the sincere liberals are prevailing against the party machine.

Minor, but noisy rows, developed on the convention floor among delegates from Alberta and British Columbia at the morning session. The question under dispute was the objection of the resolutions committee. Their arguments were the features of the morning session. The first part of the row terminated only when the British Columbia delegates left the hall in a body to meet outside and decide who should represent the province on the resolution committee.

Referring to the problem of Canada's fiscal policy, he believed this convention could form one which would be acceptable to the east. There is one question which we must pay special attention to, Premier Norris said. One of the things I must ask you to do is to create a win-the-war policy. The importance of this rank is higher than anything else in my mind. There was never such a demand for union of Canada as in this problem. He declared amid applause, that three years ago Canada declared war for herself, England did not do it, for Canada was free to choose her own course.

The first patriotic resolution of the convention was moved without preliminaries by George McConachie, a liberal candidate for a Saskatchewan constituency in the federal house of commons.

"That hearty congratulations be cable to the commander-in-chief of the Canadian army at the front for splendid past achievements and an unqualified pledge of support for the future liberal party in Western Canada."

"Better see what the convention is going to do before you make any promises to the troops," came a voice from the rear of the hall. This free advice caused the eviction from the gathering of the man who professed it. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

At the afternoon session Premiers Norris and Martin addressed the gathering. Both urged the convention to stand by the troops at the front. The convention declared for provincial control of natural resources; placed itself on record against hereditary titles in Canada, and urged that other titles only be conferred for naval or military service; endorsed Dominion franchise for women; and the reversion of the school land funds to provincial control.

An amendment to the women's suffrage providing that during the war the franchise be not extended to women of alien birth, did not find a second.

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6.15 11.35 Arr. Montague Dep. 7.28 2.25
6.15 11.35 Arr. Georgetown Dep. 6.50 1.40
Sat. Daily
Only Ex.Sat. & Sun.
P.M. P.M.
3.10 3.10 Dep. Charlottetown Arr. 10.10 9.45
4.25 4.55 Vernon River 8.27 8.21
6.55 7.05 Arr. Murray Harbor Dep. 6.30 7.00
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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS
Furnished by W. S. Louson.
WHEN EGGS GROW CHEAP.
(Harriet Whitney Symonds.)
When eggs grow cheap, we'll surely make a cake
Some happy afternoon, for early tea.
And what a joyful thrill 'twill give to know we may use two eggs, or even three!
How odd 'twill seem to bring to light once more
The dear old cake-tin with its fluting, deep.
And butter it—Ah, what a stirring time.
When eggs grow cheap!
When eggs grow cheap, we'll put one in the kemp,
And maybe we can boil or poach a few
For breakfast, every morning, if we wish.
And still have some left for a pudding, too!
We shall not be so cross and cranky, then.
And toss the cook-books in a tumbled heap
Because they give no sauce to eggless things.
When eggs grow cheap.
When eggs grow cheap, it will be lovely spring:
The buttercups will be in bloom again;
The breeze will bear the scent of hellebore
And will sweet-Williams, blowing in the zephyr;
And we, forgetful of our sordid cares,
From rim to rim the gurgling brooks will leap.
So jubilant will be our spirits then,
When eggs grow cheap!