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WIN-THE-WAR CANDIDATES

As the result of yesterday's rousing and enthusiastic Liberal-Conservative Convention Mr. Alexander Martin, ex-M. P. of Valleyfield has been unanimously chosen to contest Queen's County along with Mr. Donald Nicholson M. P. as Win-the-War candidates. The selection is a popular one and is certain to command the endorsement not only of his own party, but of a great many Liberals as well. Mr. Martin has many admirers in the opposite camp and has always been highly esteemed throughout the county. His work as representative in the past was of such merit that in 1911 he was tendered the unanimous nomination of his party, but at that time circumstances militated against his acceptance. These no longer exist, and Mr. Martin will throw himself into the campaign with all his abilities and energies, and a triumphal outcome for himself and Mr. Nicholson is certain to be the result. The issue before the country is plain and simple—Shall we help the Allies by returning Sir Robert Borden, or bring consolation and encouragement to the Kaiser by returning Sir Wilfrid Laurier? The Liberals of the old school have already decided that they can no longer support Sir Wilfrid Laurier but must cast the weight of their influence and vote with Sir Robert Borden. This is evident not only here but throughout the length and breadth of the land. The Liberal party managers are quite aware of this, and are resorting to various means to avert complete disaster. They are attempting to shelve Sir Wilfrid but they have no one in their ranks of sufficient weight and influence to take his place; and if they had the consequences would be the same. The only question to be decided at this election is, "Shall we Carry on with a Win-the-War Prime Minister, or shall we sneak out of the war by returning to power a government which would please the Kaiser?"

MR. A. A. McLEAN'S APPOINTMENT

We are sure the hearty congratulations of everyone will be extended to Mr. A. A. McLean, the retiring senior member for Queen's, upon his appointment as Controller of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police with headquarters at Ottawa. The present Controller, who retires immediately, is Mr. Laurence Fortescue I.S.O., and the salary is \$5,000 per annum. The Ministerial head of the department is the Prime Minister and Mr. McLean will be Deputy Head and Controller. The late member for the county deserves well of his party and this recognition by the Prime Minister of his services will give the utmost satisfaction to his many friends irrespective of party. Mr. McLean leaves this morning for Ottawa.

LIEUT. NASH, R. F. C.

Sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. F. J. Nash, Managing Editor of the Patriot, Mrs. Nash and family upon the sad intelligence they received yesterday that their only son, Lieut. Nash of the Royal Flying Corps was officially reported missing. It was only the other day we had pleasure in congratulating Mr. Nash upon his son's well deserved promotion to a commission in this Corps and news was received that he had left for France. The report that he is missing does not mean that he is a casualty, and it will be the heartfelt wish of all who know the Editor of the Patriot that the next telegram he receives will be that his gallant son is safe somewhere in France or Belgium.

THE CAR FERRY

An automobile party representing the Board of Trade motored from Charlottetown via the South Shore to Port Borden on Monday for the purpose of investigating reports about the Car Ferry and the harbor at Port Borden. A number of rumours had been circulated during the previous fortnight to the effect that the Car Ferry service was impracticable in

stormy weather and that it would be necessary for the Car Ferry steamer to return to Charlottetown for the winter.

After an enjoyable run the party reached Port Borden about half-past eleven and proceeded to make inquiries. The Car Ferry was in port having returned from Cape Tormentine that morning, and it was ascertained that she had been making a regular daily round bringing railway stores and 20 new closed freight cars during the past fortnight. A visit to the Point showed that the railway connections between the landing stage and the Ferry were mathematically exact and that everything so far as the Car Ferry steamer and the landing were concerned was perfect. It was explained, however, that the harbor basin was not of sufficient depth for navigating the steamer in windy and rough weather. The Car Ferry when loaded has a draught of 20 ft., and the water in the basin is just 20 ft., at low tide. This means that when the steamer encounters rough weather that she would not have sufficient water beneath her for the working of her propeller. Then the area of the basin is considered too small. It is all very well in fine weather such as we have been having during the past month, but were it the slightest stormy it would be practically impossible to navigate the large Car Ferry within the basin without the risk of running aground. It was felt by those who visited the scene that it would be necessary to widen and deepen the basin and extend the breakwater.

As the pier wall is not of sufficient height to protect the Car Ferry steamer when moored, it was thought it should be raised another 15 ft., and it was understood that this was to be done by the Government. Meantime, the railway authorities are satisfied that everything is sufficiently satisfactory to permit the commencement of the freight service tomorrow, Thursday, and they do not anticipate any of the trouble which has been predicted for the Car Ferry service. It is essential that everything should be done to make this service as effective and dependable as possible, as it would never do to have the Car Ferry frozen into the Straits and unable to make connections between the two Points in stormy weather.

THE ISSUE IS GRAVE

In the forthcoming election the Canadian people will be called upon to make the most fateful decision that this country will ever be called upon to make. The issue will far transcend that of mere partisanship and will be clear-cut and definite. The question to be decided will be shall Canada remain in the war or shall Canada quit the war. That is the issue pure and simple. The interjection of petty political issues will of course be attempted by the Laurier quit-the-war element in an effort to cloud the main issue but the attempt will be useless.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has definitely decided to lead the anti-war element and he is banking on a strong support from Quebec chiefly on racial grounds. Allied with him will be the various anti-British elements, slackers, shirkers, croakers and cranks. But all these put together, thank goodness, are but a minority, for the heart of Canada is sound and loyal.

Nevertheless no effort must be spared to counteract the work of these anti-war factions for the impending issue means more to Canada than appears on the surface. A dishonorable decision might possibly have a far-reaching effect upon the outcome of the war, it would directly and disastrously affect our brave troops now holding the line in Flanders, and the honor of Canada would be stained forever in the eyes of the world and of the future generations of Canadian.

NOTES

In the first two weeks of September the number of casualties and discharges in the Canadian forces was three times the number of recruits received from both Canada and the United States.

One of the best known of German war correspondents, Dr. Max Osborn, writes to the Vossische Zeitung that the battle at Ypres will decide the war. If Germany is decisively beaten there she is beaten everywhere.

The unpatriotic conduct of Charles James Fox at the time of the Napoleonic wars kept the Whigs out of office in Britain for nearly a quarter of a century. The unpatriotic conduct of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Messrs. Graham, Pugsley and MacDonald in the present crisis will hang like a mill-stone around the neck of the Liberal party for a generation to come.

CANADIANS SEND GAS INTO LENS

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, Oct. 6.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—Gas is considerable volume was again projected into Lens this morning. The enemy retaliation took the form of trench mortar activity, but this was not long maintained. The artillery duel still continues and the Germans are making more use of their long-range high velocity guns in the bombardment of the area behind the front. Behind the German lines one of our aircraft took on a large party of the enemy engaged in loading ammunition at a dump. The airmen swooped down from a great height, firing as they came with both fore and aft guns. The enemy took cover, but not before some casualties had been inflicted. Similar encounters between the airmen and the troops on the ground are more numerous than they formerly were.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES

WASHINGTON, October 6.—A committee of five members was appointed by the House today to investigate charges made by Representative Hefflin of Alabama, that certain members of Congress had "acted suspiciously" in connection with the war.

INDICT GERMAN PASTOR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. October 6.—The Federal Grand Jury here today returned 26 indictments, 13 against alleged slackers and seditionists. Among those indicated is Rev. C. L. Lehnert, former pastor of Central German Methodist Church here, who is charged with treasonable utterances against the President.

USING CANADIAN FISH

LONDON, Oct. 6.—"Canadian Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries will feed the world during the next few years," said Major Hughes N. Green, fishmonger general of the Canadians, at a luncheon at the Piccadilly Hotel in London. The fish ration has become so popular with the Canadian troops that on two mornings weekly smoked fish or fresh herrings are served for breakfast, and every Friday a fish dinner is served. Major Green last year interested the Imperial authorities in this ration, and orders for millions of pounds of fresh and frozen fish were placed in Canada by the Board of Trade for use by firms in England. This fish is being issued at various camps in England and is proving a great success in varying the men's meals. The success of feeding fish as a ration to the armies suggests that corresponding steps be taken to feed the civil population of England.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson.

ONE MILLION MEN

One million men! What does that mean? How many are a million men?

Can we grasp what an army of a million men—and there are several of them now in the field—actually is?

This army marching four abreast, would make a closed-up column some 750 miles long, that would reach from Montreal to Winnipeg as the crow flies, from New York to Windsor via Toronto, or from Chicago to Smith's Falls.

The million are mobilized. They are all in one big camp—how much ground?

A regiment of infantry with all its animals and wagons needs nineteen acres; a cavalry regiment must have sixty acres; an artillery regiment forty-eight acres. A division needs 640 acres, or a square mile, for all its infantry, artillery, and other troops.

Our camp for a million men, then, would occupy fifty square miles. And how to feed this vast army of men and animals?

The full day's ration for a man in the field weighs 4.4 pounds and costs about thirty cents, including everything. Item—\$300,000 a day for food for one million soldiers. This is just a little matter of \$9,000,000 a month! This food would weigh 4,400,000 pounds—just the food for one day—they came with both fore and aft as or 2,200 tons.

One box car's capacity is 1,800 cubic feet. This will carry 9,172 rations—food for one day for 9,172 men. So, for one million men, all waiting impatiently for their grub, it would take 100 freight cars every day to bring their rations—five trains of twenty-one cars each. And this, mind,

MARITIME CIRCUIT FOR HORSE RACING

The Sydney Record in proposing a Maritime Circuit for next year gives great praise to Ald. P. A. Bellevue of weeks ago in this province. The article continues as follows: "Next year, and this a pretty safe prediction, Sydney will be on the racing map in the maritime provinces. Some new horses are likely to come to the island before the going rings for the race meeting in the provinces in 1918. But Sydney should be a member of a maritime circuit, say with Halifax, New Glasgow, Moncton, Fredericton, St. John, and Chatham, and Charlottetown. A mid-summer circuit could be planned for Moncton, Chatham, Fredericton, Sydney and New Glasgow, with the fall meetings in Halifax and Charlottetown and at any of the above named places two meetings could be held in the same season. Of course the details would have to be worked out in such a way as to give the horsemen continuous racing from early in June until late in September or early in October and in this way horse racing would take its proper place on the sport calendar." In New Brunswick the Short Ship Circuit must be given. "Terry" Monahan, of Fredericton and Phill Bellevue, of Moncton, both of whom have worked tooth and nail to create a greater interest in the sport. Messrs. Monahan and Bellevue have given the impetus to Short Circuit Season finished a couple and all they need is a little assistance from the Nova Scotia horsemen and the Prince Edward island enthusiasts of racing; to bring about a maritime circuit.

THEY MIGHT ASSIST

Down in Halifax there is a man named Frank J. Power, peer of starters in Eastern Canada. He is one whose assistance should be obtained when such a project as outlined is attempted. No one in Canada knows and if his services are available they racing any better than Frank Power should be secured. If anyone can bring the horsemen in this province together it's Frank Power as he holds the esteem and good will of all who have the interest of the sport at heart. consideration however and should be taken up by the horsemen. They will no doubt be given assistance and it The matter is worth giving some might be well here to suggest that Jimmy Power and Spurgeon Gammon be asked to chime in with them. Horse racing is due for a boom but there is nothing like a maritime circuit to make the boom a lasting one."

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

On Sunday, Sept. 30th Rev. J. A. McDonald bid his parishioners of Wellington good bye as the charge of this parish is now being given to a resident priest. Immediately after Mass the parishioners waited on Father Joun and presented him with a well filled purse and the following address, which was read by Mr. E. F. Gaudet, the presentation being made by Mr. J. J. Ayers. Address: Rev. and Dear Father:—

Today two sentiments move and compel us, sorrow and gratitude. Your departure from this parish—no longer to guide and direct us both spiritually and materially impresses in our hearts a deep sense of the loss we are about to suffer. In you we have always found a father and a friend, a true priest and a gentleman, councillor and guide. We wish in our sorrow to assure you dear and ever kind father that we are not ungrateful for all you have done for us. Your work amongst us seemed to have been and it was in reality a labor of love. True to the great exemplar your master, you went about doing good and if perhaps at times the measure of your success has not been filled—yours was not the fault.

Although directly concerned in both our spiritual and material welfare, the scope of your usefulness has not been confined to this parish. Your patriotism and broad mindedness have made themselves felt the province over. Your modesty will permit us to point to you some of the lasting monuments which will ever proclaim to our children and children's children your usefulness. In this parish, in time however these material edifices will pass away and crumble into dust and perhaps be forgotten by future generations but the grand edifice of lively faith you have raised in the hearts of your children will endure not only for time but for eternity. Through your charity you have consecrated as many temples to the glory of God, as there were souls confided to your care. It was especially in dealing with our children that you manifested those true traits of the priests of God.

In thanking you for all your have done for us, we pray God that he may spare you for many years of active labor and beg you to accept this little gift as a tangible proof of our sincere affection. In a few kind words the Rev. Father thanked the people for their appreciation and expressed himself as having always considered it a pleasure to administer to the intelligent people of Wellington parish, who had

always co-operated with him in every endeavor for the betterment and the advancement of the parish. In conclusion he recommended them to offer to their new pastor the same loving obedience and kindly feelings they had ever manifested towards him, and assured them that his interest in them does not cease and as he is still a near neighbor he will watch their progress with solicitude and be always pleased to meet any and all of the people of Wellington parish. For over twenty-seven years Fr. John has been the ruler and spiritual guide of the Cathedral of Wellington. First in conjunction with Miscouche parish and later with Grand River.

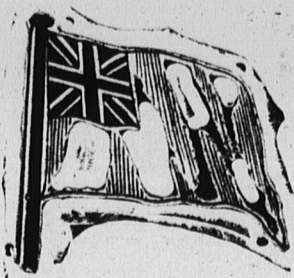
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.

Mrs. John McDonald, Murray River, has received the following letter from her son Alex. M. McDonald in France:—

Dear Mother:— Just a few lines to let you know I am well and received your letter of the 13th ult. Glad to hear you and father are in good health, I had a letter from one of the boys of the 8th some time ago. There was quite a number of them gassed, but I don't think they are very bad and most of them with the Capt. are in Hospitals in England, so they have nearly all new officers now. I did not see any of the boys since I coming to France as they are quite a distance from where we are. We had quite a lot of gas sent over but had no very serious damage done as very few got it. Every time it was used we had to wear our gas respirators, and they are a very uncomfortable, but are sure protection against any kind of gas that should be used on us. We send just as much gas across to Fritz as he sends us.

I was out to rest camp for 10 days last month with some of the rest of the boys so had a very fair time of it. The crops look fine all along the road and it looks as if it was a very rich country before the war. We get well fed over here and have very fair dugouts to sleep in when not on duty. I have been through some underground places that Fritz dug when he occupied this place, cased with plank about 40 feet below the ground where you could place a whole battalion, so it took some fighting to drive him out of those places. The Germans admit that the Canadian divisions are some of the British Empire's best fighters, I am enclosing a bit of heather I got from Scotland tonight. I also received your registered parcel with fountain pen enclosed. Hope those few lines find you and father enjoying good health. I must close trusting in God's safe keeping, from your loving son.

ALEX.



The Biggest Show Windows in the World

THIS week you have a chance to look at a small corner of the biggest show window in the world

The big window covers the entire continent, and is made up of the combined show windows of live merchants in 400 cities of North America.

What you will see in the shops of our own merchants will be intensely interesting, but the local displays are only units that help to make up the exhibit that stretches from ocean to ocean and from Northern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

This big International window is filled exclusively with products that have been advertised by the manufacturers in the newspapers.

The show this year is larger than ever, for it reflects a \$20,000,000 increase in national newspaper advertising in 1916.

WATCH THE STORE WINDOWS THIS WEEK.

BEST YET IN FOOTWEAR

Women's Long Laced and Button High Cut \$5.00
 Women's Gun Metal Laced and Button plain toe or top \$4.00
 We bought these before the rise. Bring the family in for strong solid leather boots for the mud and wet. Prices right.

GOFF BROS., Shoemen