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WELCOME TO PRIME MINISTER

Today a warm and hearty welcome will be extended to Sir Robert Borden on his arrival at the Port named in his honor, a welcome that will not be confined to one political party, but will be shared in by all who desire national unity and amity in the face of a national crisis. He comes with no partizan political message, on no partizan political mission. His aim is to unite Canadians in a common cause so that they shall unitedly meet a common danger and help to the utmost of Canada's strength to safeguard the moral and national life of this great dominion.

Sir Robert's visit at this time will be a historic one, a war time visit, undertaken at great personal sacrifice for the purpose of placing his views fairly and squarely before us, with reference to the most momentous issue that ever faced Canada. Two courses today lie before the Canadian people; Sir Robert Borden has chosen one way, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has chosen the other. With Sir Robert are the leading men in the party formerly led by him and also practically all the leading men in the party formerly led by Sir Wilfrid. With Sir Wilfrid are the leaders and the great majority of the people of Quebec and the scattered remnants throughout Canada of those who cling to party regardless of all other issues. In justice to themselves, in justice to Canada, everybody who can possibly do so should hear Sir Robert at the meeting he is to address tonight.

It is becoming more and more evident as the election approaches that the heart of Prince Edward Island is sound and that the Union Government candidates will be returned in support of Sir Robert Borden's great win-the-war policy in each of the three constituencies.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

It is expected that the car ferry bringing Sir Robert Borden and Mr. F. B. Carvell will arrive at Port Borden at 10 o'clock this morning. They will be met by a non-political deputation representing the Boards of Trade of Charlottetown and Summerside, members of both sides of the Provincial Legislature and others, among those specially invited being Mr. Nelson Rattenbury, Mr. E. T. Higgs, Mr. F. J. Nash, Mr. E. H. Beer and Mr. C. H. Chandler. The Patriot takes exception to the Guardian's description of this delegation as non-political. Some of the members constituting the delegation are undoubtedly politicians, but who in public life at the present time is not a politician? The best that can be made, the fifty-fifty, is the ideal but it so happens in this particular instance, more invitations were issued to Laurierites than to Unionists. But that apart.

The delegation will be headed by Premier Arsenault who will present an address to the Prime Minister. The party will afterwards entrain for Summerside where a public meeting will be addressed by the Prime Minister and Mr. Carvell at 2 o'clock. A special train will convey the party to Charlottetown where public meetings in the Prince Edward Theatre and the Market Hall will be addressed by the visiting Ministers.

WHERE LIBERALS STAND

The Patriot scolds all and sundry who differ with it and alleges that the Liberal newspapers which abandoned the Laurierite party were "purchased." Contrast this attitude with that of the Halifax Chronicle which in manly, dignified and sober language fearlessly expresses its views on the situation. We commend to the Patriot, the following extract from an editorial in the last issue to hand of the Chronicle which, until a very short time ago, was one of the political lamps of the Patriot:

"It has been the boast and the pride of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that he was a British Liberal, a disciple of the political traditions left by Mr. Gladstone; the prominence given always to this appeal has made the present generation of Liberals in Canada keenly conscious and no less keenly jealous of their intimate association with the former and the present exponents of the Liberal idea overseas.

"Canadian Liberalism owes much of its power, much of its hold upon the affections of the people, to the British Liberal Party of today. Never can we Liberals repay our debt to such men as Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, under whose direction Liberalism has reached its highest development in

modern times. For these men, the Liberals of Canada have a deep affection; for their policies and deeds an undying admiration; for the inspiration they have furnished and the world leadership they have displayed, immeasurable gratitude. To be classed with them, to fight the battle for real democracy and liberty spurred on by their ideals, for the Liberals of Canada is at once a privilege and a duty, gladly and intelligently accepted as such.

"British Liberalism is the model for Liberalism in Canada for the same reason that British liberty is the model for human liberty all over the globe.

"The Liberals of Canada today are fortunate in that British Liberalism has spoken in no uncertain voice on the vital issue in the present election campaign. Compulsory military service without a referendum is the accepted policy of British Liberalism in the existing world crisis. It follows, then, that the men who have in their keeping today the destinies of Canadian Liberalism, as it has always existed and as it will always exist, are the strong and clear-brained Liberal leaders who, to help win the war, support the Union Government and the Liberals who follow them.

"It matters little in the life of a political party what the uniforms, banners, and organization are here or there. The soul of the party doctrine is what counts. Where the soul goes, the party will follow. The soul of Liberalism in Canada is to be found today in the war policies of Hon. Messrs. Maclean, Carvell, Fielding, Murray and their Liberal colleagues. It is under their guidance that Liberalism in Canada will develop in future, when the temporary necessities of these times are but a memory. It is from the seed they are sowing now that Canadians will see arising the finest fruits of Liberalism."

PRINCIPAL SEAMAN'S LETTER

We publish elsewhere in this issue a letter to the Patriot from Principal Seaman of Prince Street School. Principal Seaman had previously addressed through the Patriot, two open letters to Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair, the Laurierite candidates for Queen's County, asking them to explain certain things in their manifesto which he could not reconcile with their advocacy of the Laurier policy. Failing to elicit a reply from them he now appeals to the Patriot and we trust the Patriot, in its own interest and in the interests of the people of the province, will give the desired information. Principal Seaman puts the matter fairly and squarely. He asks certain questions which not he alone but the people want light upon. Neither he nor the people can reconcile Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair's attitude with their professions. If the Patriot can answer the questions honestly and fairly it will be serving its own interests. If it cannot the better way will be to admit it frankly and give up the game.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Patriot had no reply to make to the challenge of a correspondent in yesterday's Guardian signing himself "Elector" and who wanted the Patriot's proof for its allegation that Sir Robert Borden at the last election accepted Bourassa's platform. The Patriot is finding, as many did who had trodden its path before, that "the way of the transgressor is hard."

REFERENDUM?

"Your party? Your leader? God forgive you, for Canada never will if for things like these you forsake those waiting lads.

Referendum? Referendum now, while with furious haste our enemy prepares destruction for that waiting line? Surely not referendum now, Canada, but reinforcements and quick to your waiting sons. A thousand voices chatter reasons for delay but across the seas comes one voice clear and loud, brave but heart-piercing.

"Who calls Canada?
"Your boy, and he is calling for you. Quick! Go with all your haste, you may be late."—Ralph Connor.

NOTES

The Germans are now able to put all their artillery and shell output into use on the Western front, and British and French superiority in this respect is apparently diminishing. That strengthening of the German shell-fire means slower progress and heavier losses.

The total of domestic loans floated in Canada, previous to the Victory Loan, was \$350,000,000. The Victory Loan about doubles this. If the Canadian people provide necessary reinforcements of men as generously as they have provided the "silver bullets" our boys overseas will not lack the support they ask.

PRINCIPAL SEAMAN AND THE PATRIOT

Principal Seaman, of Prince Street School, has addressed the following letter to the Patriot.

"Dear Sir: Seeing that all who are actively engaged in the present political campaign are avowedly desirous that Canada should continue to do her full share in the prosecution of the war, would it not be well to dispassionately consider what might be expected to result from carrying out the Laurier policy?"

"The need for reinforcements at the front is made more and more manifest by the daily dispatches being received.

1st. How are these reinforcements to be secured in time, if not by conscription? You yourself, Mr. Editor, are a declared conscriptionist. First, last, and always, Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair declare that it is the DUTY of every Canadian to LOYALLY accept the Military Service Act, and do what they can to make it work harmoniously and well. Why then are you and they doing all in your power to make the Act ineffective?"

2nd. Why is EVERY SLACKER (and we have some such in our midst) every one who says that CANADA HAS DONE HER SHARE in the war, and every one who affirms that CANADA SHOULD NOT HAVE HAD ANY SHARE IN THIS WAR, SUPPORTING THE LAURIER POLICY? Do not suppose that I think that all who support the Laurier policy are slackers, and disloyal. I believe that there are amongst the supporters of Laurier and his party loyal persons, earnestly desirous that Canada should continue to do her share.

3rd. Why have the leading Liberals in all the provinces of Canada, except Prince Edward Island and Quebec, put their duty to the Empire before mere party advantage, joined hands with their former political opponents to make a united effort to carry the war to a successful issue?"

4th. "Why have the leading Liberal newspapers—the papers that have shaped the policies of the Liberal Party for decades, deemed it to be their duty to use their influence to unite the people in a combined effort to Win the War."
"A clear plain answer to the above questions would be helpful in the present time of indecision, and you, Mr. Editor, can give these answers if you will."

(Signed) "J. D. SEAMAN."

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson,

A MOTHER'S RETROSPECT.

To-night in retrospective thought so tender,
I see a little lad, most sweet and fair,
A loving little lad, so bright and winsome,
With dimpled face, and coftly curling hair.
I seek a quiet room, once filled with laughter,
I enter in, and gently close the door,
His woolly lamb, his engine and toy soldiers,
I see again upon the playroom floor.
And then—ah me! an officer in khaki,
The battlefields of Flanders now his goal,
Fair Belgium lay before him stricken—bleeding—
He caught the vision, and it gripped his soul!
Yet I had blushed for him, had he not proffered,
His manhood's strength—yea, all he had to give,
To "do his bit" with our vast Allied armies,
That liberty and justice still may live!
Meanwhile I would be strong and brave and patient,
Would hide from him the heartache and the care,
While often through the day, and still at night watches,
I hear him upward on the wings of prayer,
I know not what the future days may bring me,
What joy or pain for me may be in store,
But this I know, my Father's love is changeless,
And I may trust Him now and ever more.
C. M. Y.

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The Fur Sales Board Announcement

To the Fox Breeders:—

The Fur Sales of the Silver Black Fox Breeders' Association of Prince Edward Island is again organized for another year's business. Meetings were held at Alberton, Summerside and Charlottetown, and representative resolutions were passed for the continuance of the Sales Board.

That the Fur Sales Board is approved of by not only the fox breeders of this Province, but also by the leading furriers of the world, to be absolutely essential for the benefit of the industry, is proven by the following endorsements. This resolution was passed unanimously at the different meetings held:

"Resolved that this meeting go on record as being in favor of the continuance of the Fur Sales Board, working on a basis of not more than 5 per cent. commission, with the understanding that the Provincial Government be petitioned to give financial aid to the Association."

Read what the furriers say. C. M. Lampson & Co., England.
"Your supposition that we are fully acquainted with your organization is quite correct, and we take this opportunity of expressing to you our approval of your scheme, i. e., we feel that better results can be obtained for the individual breeders or owners, by having an Association such as yours to bring all their efforts to a point."

The New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation says:
"We still believe, as we have often expressed to you, that you can obtain the best results for your product through co-operation, and that you have used the best judgment in the way you have handled this proposition and distributed your product in the different markets, and in that way no doubt realized better prices for your shippers than if the goods had been shipped in individually, as in that way some market might have been unduly overloaded, whereas another distributing point might have been almost entirely overlooked."

Again, read what the Manager of Funsten Bros., of St. Louis, says:
"I believe that you disposed of the skins that you had the sale of in a way that obtained the very maximum prices, and I think the Fur Sales Board is to be congratulated on the splendid showing made. I presume that the Fur Sales Board will continue to handle the fox breeders' skins in the same way you have in the past, as it is very evident that better results are obtained in this way. You know our opinion has always been that more money can be obtained for the output of Prince Edward Island by co-operation and concerted action on the part of the fox breeders in the sale of their skins, than by each fox owner attempting to sell the skins himself. By disposing of the skins through your Fur Sales Board, you have a better opportunity of marketing the skins in the place where the best market exists. You have the advantage of concerted action and control of the sale of the total quantity, whereas if the fox breeders were to sell individually, many of them would be traded out of them by dealers. You also have one fox breeder under-selling another, and establishing a basis of value lower than another fox breeder.

Our opinion has always been that the strength of the fox breeders and Fur Sales Board of Prince Edward Island was the opportunity they had of marketing their product as a whole and in that way establishing a higher basis of value for their product.

You keep your supply confidential, and this you know, is a very important point. It is decidedly to the interest of all to dispose of their furs through the Fur Sales Board. If the fox breeders could accompany you on your trips to all the markets, and see how you dispose of the skins under your control, they would quickly see the good work that the Fur Sales Board is doing."

A. & E. Pierce, of Montreal, states:
"As already explained to you as well as to the breeders, that an organization is essential, in order to keep up the price of Silver Fox. The more I look into it the more I am convinced that something has got to be done. If it is not done again this year, it will take years to bring it back where it should be."

Again, read what Joseph Ullman, President of the Board of Trade of the Fur Industry has to say:

"We understand that a large number of breeders have formed an Association called the Fur Sales Board, for the purpose of controlling and marketing the pelts that are raised in Prince Edward Island. In this connection we are free to state that it is our opinion that the best interests of the breeders of Silver Fox should result from close co-operation with your Fur Sales Board.

"Through united action many benefits are bound to accrue to all concerned. We are well aware that it is always a difficult problem to convince a large body of individuals that their best interests will be conserved by co-operation so that unanimous action may be had, and yet it is advisable that every effort be made in the interests of all in the organization of the Fur Sales Board."

Also read what Geo. B. Herzig, of New York, a member of the Fur Merchants Association, says:

"As to marketing your Silver Fox Furs, the old-time method of individual marketing will lead only to the ruin of the industry. The only salvation is co-operative marketing along such lines as carried on by Mr. Chester McLure of the Fur Sales Board, which has received the hearty commendation of the trade.

"In individual marketing breeders are forced to sell at lower prices and a few such sales demoralize the market, which is very sensitive. If it should become known that there are large quantities of pelts ready for the market, and that they are going to be thrown on at one time the market price will be broken. Your only preventive for this demoralization is co-operative marketing through your organization of the Fur Sales Board.

"Your Sales Board is in a position to deal with responsible fur houses, and thus assist your Fur Sales Board Manager that the market should not be glutted at any time. In other words you are in the position of "feeding" the market, placing on sale only what the market would absorb at healthy prices. In this way fluctuations, the curse of the fur trade, will be avoided, and your business placed on a permanent and profitable basis.

"If your breeders will work together harmoniously through such a representative, responsible and businesslike body as the present Fur Sales Board, the Prince Edward Island fox industry will very shortly become one of the most profitable, if not the most profitable, stock raising proposition in the world."

We could fill a newspaper with letters endorsing our Fur Sales Board, but are not these opinions sufficient to convince you, Mr. Fox Breeder, that to conserve this industry you must co-operate. Not next year, but right now. You will be the man to make or ruin our industry. Reason it out yourself, and if you do not say co-operate, then let us know what you will do. Watch our further announcements as they will certainly be of interest to you.

It will mean more money for our industry and also for you, if you support the Fur Sales Board. Think it over, let us know your decision, we ought to know, and we will know, if this is going to be a success.

There is no doubt but that the market for Silver Fox pelts in general, should be an active one, and those interested in the Fur Industry on Prince Edward Island will be able to look back upon a very successful season and particularly so if there be proper co-operation with the Fur Sales Board.

Write us your suggestions of how to make a success of our Board. Yours for co-operation and the advancement of the best industry in the Province.

Fur Sales Board

CHESTER McLURE,

MANAGER

Charlottetown, P. E. Island.