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HON. DR. BELAND IN BELGIUM

HON. DR. H. S. BELAND, former Postmaster General of Canada, and who still represents Beauce county in the House of Commons, is a distinguished Canadian who is doing fresh honor to his country in the great war. The circumstances under which Dr. Beland volunteered his services were at once romantic and characteristic of the man. He had been married but a few weeks to Mrs. Cogels of Cappelen, near Antwerp, Belgium, a lady whom he had met on a trip to Belgium a year before. The happy couple were in France and just preparing to come to Canada, when war was declared. They hastened to Antwerp where Dr. Beland immediately volunteered his services as a surgeon. Their house near Antwerp was turned into a hospital for British soldiers and the latest reports from Dr. Beland state that he has been treating many of the British wounded from the battle of Mons and that he is in charge of the larger hospital for British wounded which consists of the Dawson Memorial church, which has been given for that purpose.

Dr. Beland has made formal application to be attached to the medical corps with the Canadian expeditionary force when it takes the field.

WESTMORELAND BY-ELECTION

MR. ARTHUR B. COPP of Sackville, N. B., was the unanimous choice of the Liberal Convention held at Moncton, September 15, to nominate a candidate for the by-election made necessary by the death of the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson. The nomination of a candidate and the preliminary preparations for the campaign at this time were forced upon the Liberals of Westmoreland. The Conservative managers in Westmoreland county, placed Mr. M. G. Siddall in the field and commenced an active campaign some weeks ago. This forced the hand of the Liberal party and the first result was the splendid convention at Moncton which resulted in the unanimous nomination of Mr. Copp.

The Liberal candidate, although a young man, has a long and successful record in the politics of his province. In 1901, at the age of 31, he was first elected to the legislature and continued as member for Westmoreland county for 11 years. In 1906, he was appointed Provincial Organizer for the Liberal Party in New Brunswick and in the year 1911, he was leader of the Liberal Opposition in the provincial house.

KEEPING THE FAITH

THE "truce to party strife" instantly declared by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada at the outbreak of the war, and as readily accepted by Sir Robert Borden on behalf of the Government, was rudely broken within a week of its declaration. In spite of the positive mutual understanding that partisan discussion should be dropped, the mail bags out of Ottawa for many days in August were loaded with Conservative campaign literature sent broadcast over Canada to the electors.

"Splendid Record of the Borden Government" was the illuminating title of this 32-page pamphlet, the distribution of which at the very moment of the special war session of Parliament, has brought disgrace not only to those directly responsible for this despicable breach of faith, but to the Conservative party as whole.

The Toronto "Globe" commenting on the incident, says:

"As everybody knows, the recent special session of Parliament was accepted by all members, by the Press, and by Canadian people as frankly a non-partisan session. The Liberals in the House and in the Press, then and ever since, kept faith. But at the very time Sir Robert Borden was speaking words of gratitude for the courtesy extended to him and to his proposals by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberals the officers of the Government party were sending through the mails, under the frank- "J. S., M. P." of the Chief Conservative Whip, thousands of copies of a 32-page campaign pamphlet, "Splendid Record of the Borden Government."

"Let there be no mistake. This franked pamphlet, with its 'naval Policy clearly defined,' has been so shattered by the deadly facts of the past month that only political stupidity would distribute it now as political chicanery produced it a year ago. When the time comes the Liberals will be ready to discuss 'emergency' and 'navy' policies in the searching light of recent experiences on the Atlantic and Pacific defenceless coasts, and with the inevitable exposure from Valcartier and elsewhere. In the meantime, are decent and honorable Conservatives willing to have this disreputable conduct of their responsible party officials go unrebuked and they and their leader dishonored? Who speaks for Conservative respectability?"

A QUESTION FOR MR. FOSTER.

THE French Government has just placed an order with a Pittsburgh firm for enough horseshoe nails to keep that firm going night and day for eighteen months. The Italian Government has just placed an order with a United States firm for \$5,000,000 worth of saddles, boots and other leather goods. The Australian Government has just placed an order in the United States for a huge consignment of steel rails. All these goods could have been made quite as quickly and as cheaply and of equal quality in Canada. This question suggests itself—Is the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa doing anything or nothing to guide orders from friendly or allied Governments into Canadian channels? *Montreal Herald and The Daily Telegraph*, September 26, 1914.