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footing with our opponents with regard to the war, and with regard to a coalition. We want no equal footing with them, as I consider we are above them. I want to tell this meeting as plainly as it is possible for me to do so, that in the rural districts any candidate who comes out against conscription will win. The only stumbling block in our way at the present time is this apparent lack of unity. We must unite and we must do so without any more delay. It is up to the leaders to set us an example. Now let them get busy. They know where we stand.

CANDIDATE GRANGER (Lennox)

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In my judgment it is necessary to take a complete inventory of national resources concurrently with an effort to get the maximum result through voluntary enlistment before attempting selective conscription, which I favour. In the main, I agree with the positions outlined by Messrs. Graham, Pardee and Guthrie.

CANDIDATE MACGREGOR (Halton)

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I find myself still casting about for proper direction. The County in which I am a candidate is against conscription, and it is against coalition. Later on, when a dissolution is announced, I will formulate my election policy. I have heard Mr. Pardee and Mr. Guthrie intimate that their position was dictated by a desire to win the war, and some intimation was given by these gentlemen that a union or some other kind of a Government would be the best kind of a Government to win the war. Let me say to them, and my opinion is largely shared, that the best way to win the war is to put Sir Wilfrid Laurier in power. We trusted him before. We can trust him now, and I am satisfied that he will carry out the pledge made with regard to his own people.

There is one other matter that I want particularly to impress upon our friends from Ottawa. The country is watching them on this railway situation, and I say with all the force at my command that they must fight the C.N.R. if another raid is made on the treasury. (This statement was loudly applauded)

CANDIDATE KENNEDY (North Essex)

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Like other gentlemen who have spoken, I regret the diversity of opinion that exists, and I am confused on account of it. In fact, for a month or more past, I have been like Eliza in Uncle Tom's Cabin, floating along, jumping from one cake