

FOOD CONTROLLER HANNA SAYS GERMAN INFLUENCES BEHIND CRITICISM OF HIS OFFICE.

From the office of the Food Controller in Ottawa, there is issued a fortnightly Bulletin. The last copy published, No. 4, is remarkable, due to the fact that the front page is entirely devoted to scolding the Canadian people for the criticisms aimed at the Food Controller's Office in Ottawa. It is "the organized effort of German agents" says Mr. Hanna, and then proceeds to complain that criticism of this kind "retards the organization and unification of the people."

In reply, we will inform Mr. Hanna and his high-salaried staff that there are thousands and thousands of good citizens in Canada adversely criticising his work who are not in the employ of German agents. We also warn Mr. Hanna that if his office continues to cast such serious reflections accuse him with being in league with the Conservative Political organization, whose stock-in-trade is to accuse the followers of the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier with being in league with the Kaiser.

"WIN THE WAR" CANDIDATES.

The Borden Government secured its inspiration for its new Franchise Act from Prussia.

"The Union Government movement does not, in the eyes of sensible men, gain any strength from the announcements so often made nowadays that somebody has been or is to be nominated as a "Win the War candidate." The phrase is foolish, offensive, and grossly misleading. If the announcement of such nominations reach the German lines they will afford much aid and comfort to the enemy, for they clearly convey an intimation that the Canadian people are divided into two parties, one desiring to win the war and one desiring to lose it, a piece of news that may well be part of a situation that encourages the Kaiser and his advisers to persist in the conflict. It is a pity that what to so many people is a good cause has to be supported—if the word can be correctly used—by such foolish methods."

"There is no reason why any man should assume for himself and his political associates a monopoly of the patriotism of the country. Such action smacks too much of the flag-waving, "no truck or trade with the Yankees," policy of not very long ago. The candidates who to win votes resort to such clap-trap will not strengthen themselves among fair minded men."

QUEEN'S COUNTY, P. E. ISLAND

WIN-THE-WAR LIBERAL CANDIDATES

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EXTRACTS FROM SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR WILFRID LAURIER AT QUEBEC ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9th, 1917.

"My Compatriots, men and women, the war is still going on. France is still under the heel of Germany. Britain is still heroically fighting, and fighting the foe on the soil of old France. What will we French-Canadians do? I come to speak to you frankly, with the same honesty as ever. I never deceived you and I have confidence in my compatriots. With pleasure or pain I always spoke the language of the truth. I shall do the same to-day.

We Must Serve.

"I believe that our first and pressing duty is to share in the fight. I believe that it is our immediate duty to help our armies who have covered themselves with glory. We must support them with men. We must feed them. We must serve. I stand for voluntary service, but I repeat with all earnestness, I stand for service.

"Despite the prejudice and the vicious campaign of 1911, I know my people. The remedy was not conscription, but an appeal to the patriotic and true sentiments of the people of this Province to the hearts of my Compatriots.

Respects His Foes.

"Men with whom I have fought for Liberal principles side by side for fifteen years have differed with me. They believe in conscription. I do not. But let us always be just. Many of them are just as sincere as I, and sincere convictions are entitled to respect. I have been forty years in political fights, but I never yet attacked a person. I believe my friends have made a grievous error, but I respect the honesty of their convictions. My friend Carvell has done great service for Canada in bringing profiteers to task, and fighting dishonesty and impropriety in public business.

"It was not the first time that Liberals had differed from the policy of their leader.

Women Should Have Been Given the Vote.

"It will be to the shame and the detriment of Canada for many years to come. In manufacturing a new electorate the Government gave the suffrage to women, but not to all. Had it been to all I would have had no objection, I would like to see all women treated alike. But it was only those who were fortunate enough to have relatives at the front who were given the vote, because the Government thinks they will vote for conscription.

"I did not wish to exert compulsion, even in the Liberal party. I have been forty years in politics and I have fought many fights. I have never attacked a person; I have only attacked acts. Of those who have left our party, I have only this to say—that I believe our friends made a great mistake. I have no doubt that when he was a simple member, Mr. Carvell rendered his country greater service in attacking the profiteers who were sapping the blood of the people than he did in joining this Government.

"I know not, whether Providence will permit me to see the position justified, but I do not despair. We must never despair. We must always remain firm in the cause we believe to be right, not spoiled by victory or cast down by defeat.

"If defeat is to be my portion I will go on undismayed the day after, to follow my ideals and my convictions, to continue to do what I believe to be right. That is my course. Let it be your course, my compatriots. Time is with us. Time is ever with the right. We may have a check, but right and truth will prevail in the end."