

REV. CANON VERNON AND COMING ELECTIONS

A Compelling Appeal to Churchmen and Churchwomen to Sink Party Differences and Support only Union Government Candidates

(Colchester Sun.)
The following article from Church Work, the official organ of the Anglican church in this province, and edited by Rev. C. W. Vernon, B. D., who is well known to a large number of the people of Colchester, being a brother of the Laurier candidate for this constituency, will be read with more than passing interest. Canon Vernon is a man of lofty ideals and has always shown a disposition to eliminate personal considerations at the call of duty. As the editor of Church Work and as an honorary Canon of All Saints' Cathedral, his words should carry great weight in this great crisis in the history of our Dominion, not only by Churchmen, but by people of all denominations who admire the courageous utterances of men in high places.

The article is as follows:
"The influence of the Church of England in Canada will be felt in the coming elections more than it has ever been felt before, and relatively more than

that of any other commission. In view of the fact that 47 per cent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force was contributed by the Anglican Communion, it would seem to follow that 47 per cent of the women voters who will receive the franchise for the first time by right of their relationship by blood or marriage with members of the expeditionary forces, will also be contributed by the Anglican Communion. In view of this a great responsibility rests upon English church women to weigh seriously the vast and vital issues which are at stake, and to cast their ballot in the way most likely to be helpful to the Empire and to Canada.

"The Christian forces of this country have united in welcoming the breaking down of all party lines by the formation of a strong Union government of really representative men. The Church of England, we venture to assert, joins with nearly all other Christian leaders and the leaders of thought in the Dominion in welcoming the formation of a government which would seem to make for the firm and united prosecution of Canada's part in the great war with the fullest possible measure of energy and determination. It welcomes, too, the splendid opportunity which the Union government has of definitely eliminating the patronage system with all its concomitant evils, of patronage committees, grafts, hangers-on, professional politicians, and the inevitable appointment to important positions of the unworthy and the unfit.

"We are indeed hopeful that for a while at least it will be true of us that 'Then none was for a party, Then all were for the state.' 'Let us forget until this war is well over whether we are Liberals or Conservatives, and let us all stand solidly for the return of genuine Union government candidates—men whom we can trust, irrespective of their former party affiliations to support the Union government, to see that everyone contributes fairly of their wealth, their interest and their flesh and blood to the successful winning of the war, and whom we can depend upon to do their best to purify Canadian politics and to promote the best interest of the state.

"The great danger today lies in the opposition to the Union government expressed or unexpressed on the part of bitter partisans who cannot forget their party allegiance in the hour of the Nation's trial, and are willing to use the nation's perplexities as an opportunity for the advancement of themselves or their party. Our leading statesmen and thinkers, with the almost solitary exception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whose attitude we cannot but profoundly regret, are with the Union government.

"Unfortunately, the time to educate public opinion generally is but brief, and it may not be used always to the best advantage.

"We think and hope and pray that in this great hour of crisis churchmen and churchwomen in the maritime provinces, who before the war classed themselves as Conservatives, will follow Borden, while those who formerly classed themselves as Liberals will as unhesitatingly follow Murray, McLean and Carvell in uniting together to support the Union government. Churchwomen, most of whose hearts are in the trenches, or it may be buried behind them, will not consider for a moment the abandonment of our boys overseas for any fancy consideration of slackers who have selected for the advancement of themselves or their party. Our young working men are overseas will not allow labor agitators to convince them that any policy which looks to delay in backing up and reinforcing our boys overseas is a permissible one.

Church Work has never yet and never intends to take an active part in party politics while the party system remains in operation. Now that our leaders of both political parties have decided that parties must go to the scrap heap during the war, we have no hesitation in appealing to churchmen and churchwomen, whatever their former party was, to throw themselves whole-heartedly into the cause of the Union government, and to use every effort by their work and by their votes to secure the return of genuine Union government candidates."

Note:—Since the above was written and set up in type, some nominating conventions have been held. We cannot help remarking that not even our country's need can make us swallow some of the candidates who seemingly are to seek our support. We would urge upon the organizers of the campaign for the Union government the vital need of eliminating undesirables before nomination day, and the profound importance of seeing that the very best men, irrespective of former party allegiance and irrespective of religious belief, are the final selections as Union government candidates in every county. We cannot but remember, too, that the drink traffic and its friends still remain a greater menace to Canada and the Empire than even the Germans.

IRELAND PROSPEROUS.

(Holyoke Transcript.)
According to the reports of Americans who have been in the British Isles this autumn, Ireland is just now the most prosperous. The farmers have never been so far ahead with bountiful crops and big prices. There is not only more food and drink there than in England, but it is of better quality. And in most parts of Ireland it is cheaper. Meatless and potatoless days are unknown there. Potatoes were never so plentiful. All classes of meats are cheaper in Ireland than in America. Porterhouse steaks are six cents a pound cheaper. Drink, too, is not only more plentiful, but of

better quality. The drinking places in Ireland are open all day and until eleven o'clock at night, whereas in England and Scotland they are only open for two hours in the afternoon and three hours in the evening. In England today it is considered indelicate to ask a friend for

a match. In France, matches are well nigh unobtainable. All the continental countries are suffering from a match famine. Not so in Ireland. Hotels, bars, rooms, and cigar stores all have matches in abundance, and they are used with the same freedom as in time of peace.



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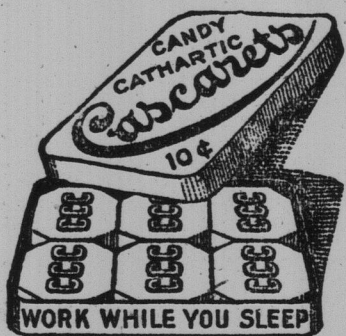
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KINGS—Late Recruiting Office, 97 Prince William Street.
PRINCE—Lelacheur Building, head of Brussels Street, near Union.
DUFFERIN—Corner Main and Mill, over Young's Hardware Store.
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STANLEY-LANSDOWNE-LORNE—St. Michael's Hall, Main Street, opposite Adelaide Road.
SYDNEY—Mechanics' Hall, St. James Street.
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VICTORIA—2 Haymarket Square.
PARISH OF LANCASTER—Pink's Bldg., Fairville.
PARISH OF BEACONSFIELD—Mrs. Burns' Store.

By order,
J. FRED BELVEA,
Chairman of the Liberal Executive for the City and County of St. John and Albert County.
WILLIAM M. RYAN,
Secretary.

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Executive Headquarters, Moose Rooms, Furlong Building, 'Phone M. 2472.
Kings, Dukes and Sidney Wards, Market Bldg., South Market St. entrance.
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Farm Help Will be Exempted

General Mewburn, Minister of Militia at Ottawa, has issued the following manifesto:—

"Farmers' sons who are honestly engaged in the production of food will be exempt from Military Service, and if I continue to be Minister of Militia I will give you my word that if any farmers' sons who are honestly engaged in farm work and the production of food stuffs—if they are not exempted by the tribunals and are called up for Military Service—I will have them honorably discharged from the Canadian Expeditionary Force, provided they go back to the farm. It is very important that we should increase our production of foodstuffs."

New Brunswick Farms Vital to Province

The farming industry is the backbone of this province. The instructions to the Military tribunals were not always clear so that mistakes were bound to creep in. The manifesto of the Minister of Militia makes certain that farm help will not be drafted.

Moreover, the farming community of New Brunswick is made up of that old sane Loyalist stock that has never swerved in its devotion to the Flag and the Empire. They will not hesitate now to choose between party and patriotism. They will not hesitate to choose between party and principle.

Vote for Union Candidates

Vote for the men who banded together to see your men through and give non-partisan, honest administration.

"Election means just one thing—you are either going to send men to back up the Canadians, or you are not."

Hon. F. B. Carvell

New Brunswick Union Committee