

Editorial Briefings.

It is reported that a canvas used by the Laurier-Liberal workers is that the Unionists do not bother to greet a poor man's son returning from the front. It is only the rich man's son whose return is celebrated. Has any one heard of the people using this canvas, putting themselves over to meet these neglected boys. The citizens of Wolfville appreciate the heroism of each and every one of our soldiers, and it is only when the time of a man's return is unknown that we miss giving him a hearty welcome.

The St. John Globe, Liberal, says:—Defeat of the Union Government in the election would mean the call to office of a government pledged to suspend the Military Service Act and hold a referendum. Months would pass while these things were being done, and in that time all military activity in Canada would cease, but from the front would come the daily call for more men. Every Canadian voter, man and woman, must realize that the election question is not one of politics, but of war. Can you afford to take the risk involved in the months of delay the Laurier policy involves? Can you afford to take the even greater risk involved in possible control of Laurier by Bourassa and the Nationalists? True Canadian patriotism today consists in thinking not of party preference, but of national victory. When there is no more war there will be a long, long time in which to fight party politics.

The Food Controller Says.

Until now ships, which are now under construction, become available as cargo carriers, the Allies must depend upon the North America continent for wheat and flour. Europe must import not less than 450,000,000 bushels of wheat, or the equivalent in flour, before the next harvest in flour, before the next harvest. The United States to-day has not one bushel more than would be required for normal consumption in that country, and Canada has only a surplus of 110,000,000 bushels.

There is wheat in Argentina, in Australia, in New Zealand, but without more shipping it cannot be moved. North America must supply almost the entire wheat needs of the Allies at least for the next three or four months. The Allied nations in Europe had completely exhausted all accessible reserves when the 1917 crop became available. Unfortunately the new harvest of France was less than half the production of a normal year before the war. The Italian crop was also much below the average. Both these countries have required larger amounts of foodstuffs from this continent than was anticipated and their needs will continue.

The geographical position of Canada and the United States in relation to the Allies makes it imperative that this continent should provide the food which must be forthcoming during the next few months. Let us clearly understand the situation. The essentials are:

1. The Allies must be fed.
2. They have in their own countries only a fraction of the food required for their own people.
3. Until the shipping shortage is relieved, several months hence, the Allies must depend upon Canada and the United States to make up their deficiency of essential food supplies, including wheat.
4. Canada and the United States can only spare the needed supplies by reducing their own consumption by at least 20 per cent.
5. If Canada and the United States should fail to make up the Allied deficiency of food, the soldiers would have to go short and the whole Allied cause might be endangered.
6. Individual effort, individual saving of individual spoonfuls of flour, individual economy in the use of bread and flour and individual substitution of other cereals for wheat alone can save the situation and give to the men at the front the support which they must have.

Who is the woman in town who thinks the Germans would not do such a thing as happened in Halifax a week ago yesterday?
Who are the two women who think it is a judgment upon us for making so much ammunition?
Who is the man who refused to do a piece of rope to help tie up boxes for the Red Cross?
Wolfville wake up!

Private Sale

Of Household Furniture and Kitchen Utensils

At the residence of Mr. G. A. Carter, (the Stewart house—College Grounds.)
Goods must be sold and removed before the 20th inst. Inspection and purchase at any time.
TERMS CASH.

NOTICE.

All Persons and Firms having accounts against the Municipality of Kings County for goods supplied or services rendered will please send in the same daily attended on or before December 31, 1917. Please note the following resolution passed by Council:

All accounts against the County must be rendered to the Municipal Clerk, December 31st in each year, or they will not be considered at the January Term following.

By order,
C. E. DODGE,
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

The Duty of the Hour.

Union Government, Headquarters, Halifax, N. S. Dec. 8, 1917.
To the friends of the Union Government in Nova Scotia:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—As you know the appalling catastrophe of last Thursday plunged this city and county into mourning; and political matters have been receiving little attention. The members of our organization have been wholly occupied with the urgent work of relief; and that duty will demand a great deal of attention from them for many days to come.

Union Headquarters will therefore be unable to extend to the other constituencies the measure of cooperation which in normal circumstances would be available; and we desire to impress upon you the necessity of increased activity on the part of every friend of Union Government in your constituency.

While our hearts are burdened with sorrow over the unprecedented conditions here, we are compelled to recognize the momentous character of the pending election contests throughout the province, the vital issues involved in those contests, and the fact that the elections must be carried on to conclusion on the 17th inst.

On hearing the dreadful news, the Prime Minister cancelled several of his engagements, and hastened to the stricken city, where he has been devotedly assisting in the work of organizing relief. He is now able to make a brief visit to his home constituency, the county of Kings.

We are pleased to be able to inform you that the reports coming from overseas indicate that our brave men and women in England and France are overwhelmingly supporting Union Government. We may therefore confidently hope for a practically solid vote for Union Government candidates.

This will be good news to you. But you must not make it a reason for relaxing your own efforts.

It is a convincing call to us from our overseas heroes for immediate help; and it should inspire us to renewed and ceaseless effort for the great cause.

What shall our response be to that call?

Do we want victory in Flanders? Then, we must win victory here. And redoubled activity on your part and thoroughness in your work are the keys to victory.

Be satisfied therefore with nothing less than complete and effective mobilization of Union forces in your constituency.

ONIONS!

We can supply you for one week only new Onions at \$3.25 per bag. This is a snap so order early.

GEESE AND TURKEYS

We would advise all our customers to order their Geese and Turkeys early this year. Let us book you for either a Turkey or Goose for Xmas. We will also have

DUCKS, CHICKENS, FOWLS.

MEASS!

Choice Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Pork Sausages, Hams and Bacon.

R. E. HARRIS & SONS.

Two Telephones: 115-11 and 16.

The devastation of life and property which occurred here in a few brief moments should drive home to every Nova Scotian the fear of the awful dangers of war that hang over our heads.

And every man and woman in this province will agree that in the presence of such perils of war the petty clamour of partisans ought to be stilled.

It would appear that unknown and unthinkable dangers are lurking about us and threatening our safety. We may be menaced from within as well as from without.

The mysterious circumstances surrounding the tragedy of last week ought to compel every halting mind to realize that the hearts of Nova Scotia should be sealed in union for national defence.

The one transcendent issue before us is: Shall reinforcements be immediately provided, or shall we in dilute in fatal delay for the purpose of a referendum?

Which is all it be?

No candidate can be on the two sides of this momentous issue.

No candidate can be for a referendum and at the same time faithfully respond to the call from overseas.

No candidate can be Sir Wilfred Laurier's man and honorably and honestly say that he is for sending immediate reinforcements.

If he is honest and honorable, and faithful to his leader, he must be against that policy: Because his leader is irrevocably opposed to it.

Which do the fighting sons of Nova Scotia in Flanders' trenches want? Reinforcements or Referendum? What shall we give them? They are calling to us for bread. Shall we give them a stone? And a clarion message of warning and appeal goes out to every Nova Scotian from the ravaged community of Halifax.

The call is to every man and woman to stand shoulder to shoulder in the great crisis that confronts us.

In Union is Strength.

In Union is Security.

OPERA HOUSE

Friday and Saturday DECEMBER 14 and 15

Eighth Chapter of

"PATRIA"

—ALSO—

Special Fox Comedy:

'Bing Bang'

NEWS REEL.

See Our Window FOR SOLDIER NEEDS

We are headquarters for the things our boys need in France and England. Give us a call when making up your box for overseas.

A. V. RAND, - Wolfville Drug Store.

Advertise in "THE ACADIAN."

Monday and Tuesday DECEMBER 27 and 18

"Honor Thy Name"

Not in many moons has beauty been so extensively in evidence in a Triangle Ince play as it is in "Honor Thy Name" the virile drama of paternal devotion and sacrifices by J. G. Hawks, in which Thomas H. Ince presents Frank Keenan and Charles Ray as costars. Three of the prettiest actresses of the Ince forces are cast in this production, each in a part of importance.

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Wed. and Thursday DECEMBER 19 and 20

"THE ISLAND OF REGENERATION"

Cyrus Townsend Beady's Unique Romance.

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MILLINERY!

CLEARING AT

Greatly Reduced Prices!

All the balance of Hats and Trimmings at half price.

Lot of Travellers' Samples, Felt and Velvet Hats, regular price from \$1.50 to \$5.00 now 98c. each.

Ladies' Coats reduced from 10 to 25 per cent.

DON'T MISS THIS SALE!

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Do you feel that you can't stand the strain any longer? Then its time to start taking



Penstar

Dynamic Tonic

If your daily work is tiring on you, if your system and nerves are in a run-down condition, you can take Penstar Dynamic Tonic with perfect assurance of securing new nerve force and fresh vitality. This reliable preparation has the exact formula on the label and is being used and recommended by our most discriminating patrons. We have the two sizes, 75c and \$1.50.

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HUGH E. CALKIN

PHONE 41. WOLFVILLE.

To Soldier Boys A REMINDER!

While you are away "doing your bit" your family should have a good photograph of you.

GRAHAM

Is prepared to make this picture for you promptly and in the right style.

PHONE 70-11, WOLFVILLE.

The Cash Grocery AND MEAT MARKET.

XMAS! XMAS!

Just received: Seeded Raisins, "Not a Seed" Raisins, Dates, Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, Spices, Extracts, Baking Powders and Icing Sugar.

Prepared Mince Meat!

"Goodwill's" Preserves, Cherries, Strawberries, Raspberries, Peaches and Pears. Xmas Candies nuts, and Fruit.

Choice Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Chickens, Fowls and Ducks. Davis and Fraser Hams and Bacon. Leave your order for Xmas Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.

PHONE 53.

FRANK W. BARTEAUX.

"CONSCIENCE"

What is Conscience?

Conscience is the thing that induces men to do what they ought to do when their natural inclination would be to do the opposite.

There are many, many men in Nova Scotia this week who are fighting with their conscience; fighting over the question of Union Government.

Shall they vote for Union Government?

Being strong party Liberals they balk at the thought of supporting any Government that has a Conservative in it; and this is where their struggle with conscience begins.

Conscience says: "Country First!"

Party says: "But perhaps we can lick them."

Conscience says: "Never mind about the licking, that will keep; never mind about the hundred and one reasons one could give for voting the Liberal ticket, for all piled together they are of small importance alongside the one big event which Union Government stands for—namely: the Winning of the War."

Hon. Geo. H. Murray realized this, else he never would have taken the stand he has taken on the question of Union. And so, too, did Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. A. K. Maclean, to say nothing of hundreds of other prominent Liberals in Nova Scotia who have declared themselves for Union.

Incidentally, have you ever thought what it must have cost these Liberals to break away from their old Liberal chief?

And isn't there a lesson in it for the rank and file of the party who are now finding it hard to put their little prejudices under foot? Assuredly there is.

Now you men and women of Nova Scotia! A final word:

On Monday next you will be expected to go to the polls, and mark your ballot for or against "UNION."

Before you do this, will you please consider most carefully the facts given above.

One thing more:— Will you let your conscience guide you?

Conscience guided the Premier of Nova Scotia into supporting UNION GOVERNMENT, and if you give it a chance, we are sure, it will do the same for you.

Union Government Association Publicity Committee.