

It will be observed that the Conservative party in Queens-Shelburne acted on Sir Robert Borden's advice and Hon. Mr. Fielding is returned by acclamation.

Sir Robert Borden wrote a similar letter to the Conservatives of New Brunswick, asking for the election of Hon. F. B. Carvell by acclamation. His request was willingly acceded to.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH OF SIR ROBERT BORDEN AT THE MASS UNIONIST MEETING, HALIFAX, NOVEMBER 14th.

"What is the situation? The need for reinforcements is insistent, compelling, imperative. Do we fully appreciate the meaning and effect of what is taking place in Russia and in Italy? There never was greater necessity to summon our sternest resolve and to gird on our fullest strength. In the British Islands and especially in France they are much in advance of us in the organization and utilization of the nation's human energy. **The terrible need** for reinforcements can be met. But, even with **the best speed** that can be made **we shall barely be in time.** Yes, it is seriously proposed that with Canadian divisions depleted at the front—and remember that a division when thus depleted ceases to be an effective fighting unit until reinforced—it is proposed that, with divisions depleted at the front, we are to wait until parliament is summoned, until a bill for a "referendum" is passed and until the referendum shall have been held and the verdict of the people pronounced'

Why Reinforcements are a terrible Need.

How Can a Referendum Help?

"This is a war in which the last hundred thousand men may mean Victory, the lack of them Defeat. Make no mistake about it! The proposal for a referendum has but **one meaning.** It means that the Canadian forces at the front shall be left to their fate, without support and without reinforcements. Whether that be the purpose is immaterial; that beyond question will be the result. It would be hailed

Shall we Desert Our Men Now in Flanders?