

To The Lost Leader

"We that had loved him so, followed him, honored him, Lived in his mild, magnificent eye, Learned his great language, caught his clear accents, Made him our pattern to live and to die!"

"He alone breaks from the van and freedom, He alone sinks to the rear and the slaves. We shall march prospering—not thro' his presence, Songs may inspire us—not from his deeds, Deeds will be done—while he boasts his quiescence, Still bidding couch whom the rear badge aspire."

For many years, Sir Wilfrid, I have watched your career with deep interest, and until the last three years with sincere admiration. I have seen you fully and steadily guiding your country along the road which leads to national unity. I have noted your efforts to make actual among the people of this land that confederation which has been a political accomplishment fifty years ago.

With this war came to you, although in opposition, the chance to prove yourself the greatest man ever born to Canada. You could have made the people of Quebec understand that this was their war; that by self-sacrificing service they could weld themselves into the fibre of the nation to such an extent that no cleavage could any longer exist between them and the other provinces.

You could not accomplish this by any merely perfunctory acquiescence in the plans of the government. If the old Conservative government failed, as I and many others believe it did fail, in duly enlightening French-speaking Canada as to the meaning of the war, you could have remedied this fault. You could have shown that, with Canada at war, the old party differences counted for nothing; you could have made your Canadian minority not a brake but a spur to action by the government.

Have you duly considered the nature of the elements of the people to whom you must appeal for support in this election? If it were not for those who are influenced by selfish rather than patriotic considerations, you could be sure of success for you. It may be true that you are not appealing by name to the slacker and cowardly and to the selfish and the pro-Germans and the Nationalists, but it is in your votes that you will largely have to depend. No amount of verbal camouflage can hide the fact that the blind ones who think that Canada ought not to have done anything, the timid ones who think that Canada has done enough, and the sordid ones who think that Canada should devote all her energies from now on to making money, constitute the backbone of your following.

You have said that your life has been devoted to the creation of a national unity in Canada. Can you not see that your present course in following all the party adherents, and for these reasons I say to you, Sir Wilfrid, that you are a false friend to your native province, to your blood and to your church in seeking to return to power on the issues you have raised. The isolation of your province and your people can only be prevented by a mutual respect based upon a common service in this time of need.

Even if raised by conscription, your patriots will emulate the deeds of the glorious Twenty-second Battalion at Courcellette. But I say to you that it is only by such service that Quebec can assume her proper place as an equal partner in our country. Can you not see that your present action is directed towards destroying this partnership, towards making impossible that national unity to which you have devoted your life?

Your sole hope of political success rests upon your opposition to the Military Service Act. But upon whose shoulders, if not on yours, Sir Wilfrid, does the responsibility rest for the need of this act? It seeks to add to the forces of one hundred thousand men. You know that if that quarter of Canada from which you are sprung had given to our forces in the same measure as the rest of Canada, this additional one hundred thousand men would now be under arms. What have you done during the last three and a half years to make your people understand and come forward in the other provinces, where our English tongue prevailed, we have worked day after day and month after month to enlighten our people and to make them give the nation their strength. We have given our sons and our manhood; we have urged the supreme need of obedience to duty; we have brushed away our tears over the untimely deaths of our first-born, and soothed the aching of our hearts with our pride in the valor of our blood. What have you done, Sir Wilfrid? Have you gone among the cities and villages and the hamlets of Quebec preaching the gospel of service in this war? Have you, disdainful of the infirmities of age, let no fear of toll or weariness deter you from urging unceasingly upon the French-Canadians their duty and their place in our arms?

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Blood of Fallen Comrades Calls That Sacrifices Be Not in Vain—Statement by Acting President

There is no mistaking the attitude of the Great War Veterans' Association in regard to the need of sending help to the men at the front. They are for the military service act and against deserting their comrades at the front. The following circular tells the story:

The Great War Veterans' Association, 55-55 Citizens Building, Ottawa, Canada. To All Members of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada: We, your comrades, who have served in the Great War, have taken over the mantle of duty which has fallen upon us, and we are determined to see that the men at the front are not left in the lurch.

Over three years ago our empire of necessity entered into a war which has developed into the most stupendous conflict of all time. The issues at stake are the greatest for which men have ever fought. The forces of oppression, barbarism and brutality oppose those who champion liberty, freedom and righteousness.

Britain stands and fights for what she has long stood and fought for—liberty, freedom and advancement of the world. Canada, the child of Mother Britain, and the greatest of the British dominions, has thus far proudly and gloriously borne her part in the great struggle; and has thereby gained an unshakable name and reputation, which history will record for the benefit of generations to be, long after those who gained the glorious heritage we are fighting for have passed away. When we say that the issue is the freedom of humanity, we mean that it means the existence of the empire for, if freedom of the world had become its greatest champion, had gone down in the fight.

The great conflict still continues. Our object is yet unattained. The blood of our fallen comrades cries from the ground that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain. The ideals our comrades died for are not realized. Our foe is as determined as ever. Are we to stand idly by? Is the empire to be determined? If we are, there cannot be any doubt as to the outcome.

We, your comrades, must not refrain from giving a decisive answer to this question; and we dare not stand aloof from taking an active part in the struggle incident to the approaching general election. The outcome of which means so much to Canada and ourselves, and to our comrades, living and dead. Its vital effect upon the lives and needs of those who still fight on demands not only our earnest consideration, but our active participation in the struggle at home.

Consequently, it behooves us to bring all our forces to bear, and leave no stone unturned in an endeavor to secure the defeat of any candidate who seeks your suffrage, who is not prepared to give us the fullest guarantee that he will do all in his power to secure the enforcement of conscription, and aid to the fullest extent the successful prosecution of the war.

It must also be our earnest endeavor to imbue our fellow citizens with the knowledge which we ourselves possess of the true state of affairs at the battle-front, and so impel them to act as we know they should, did they but realize how serious the menace is that confronts us.

It is for you to give the answer; for you to say whether the proud name of our country shall have its life denied; for you to say whether our brave comrades have fallen in vain; for you to say whether reparation shall be made, and for you to say whether those our comrades, who are now facing the foe, shall be left to continue the struggle unaided, and confronted with the certainty that not only they, but also Canada, shall become effaced from the ranks of those who are fighting for the freedom of humanity.

Comrades, in conclusion, I wish to remind you that we are an independent body, and determined to remain such.

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That fact, however, does not remove from us the obvious duty of supporting the principles for which we have already fought, and therefore, I have no doubt as to what will be your reply, when the time comes for you to go to the polls; and that your voice and action will be so united as to sound the death-knell in public life for any forces in this country who would be willing to permit Canada's further participation in the war to cease, for that is what the issue amounts to; and, therefore, with every confidence, I leave the decision in your hands.

(Sgd.) JAS. J. SHANAHAN, Acting President The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada.

The Boy's Room. (By Louise Moray Bowman.) The sunshine was spattering over the floor In a frolic of golden rain, In a frolic of green leaves were whispering And tapping outside the pane. And tapping outside the pane. There were their college banners and their books.

And, hung on the plain gray wall, Sir Galahad, shining and tall, Waiting there, as if to say, In the dream-filled days of yore, But now they have seen a vision And shall they come back no more? Through the open door I heard the step of the brave little brown-eyed man, And though she smiled on the threshold, In her eyes the big tears gleamed, 'Twas been such a happy woman! 'Twas always dreamed That little grandchildren might come some day, And get out the old toys, and romp and play. Just