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TIME HAS GONE TO RESCUE

Mr. Geo. H. Watson, K.C., States Views on Conscription, Referendum and Coalition

Mr. Geo. H. Watson, K.C., being asked his opinion of the political situation, furnished the Star with the following reply:—

You have asked me for my personal views on the political situation in Canada, including the subjects of enlistment, conscription, referendum, extension of life of parliament, and coalition.

Well, you quite understand that anything I may say in answer to your enquiry is for myself alone. I would not assume to speak for others, and much less for the Liberal party or any section of it.

In my view this government is doomed and knows it. It is another case of self-destruction. The Government is and has been weak and irresolute. It has no capacity for decision or for action.

Voluntary enlistment was a success in Canada until about a year ago. This brought great credit and renown to Canada. The policy and procedure of enlistment were practically abandoned by the Government nearly a year ago.

Why did Sir Thomas resign as chairman of the National Service Board? The Government is, I believe, directly responsible for the temporary failure and default in enlistments.

The statements of Sir Sam Hughes are in this respect confirmed by the circumstances and actual conditions. Can the people properly be asked to support such a government in a world-wide war crisis such as now exists?

The resort by the Government to conscription follows upon its own defaults and sins of omission to proceed with enlistment.

A year ago, and frequently since then, the Premier and other members of the Government announced a non-conscription policy for Canada. This policy was maintained until about two months ago.

Governments of other nations, in fact, of every other nation involved in the war, including Great Britain, have been changed for much less cause than exists here.

They will, their mandate, should govern—under existing circumstances there may be great difference of individual opinion. Each and every person is entitled to a voice on the subject.

KINGSTON AND BELLEVILLE

Our Beautiful Eastern Ontario Cities by Our Good Friend, Ex-Mayor H. McKay

We publish below an interesting account by our good friend, Ex-Mayor R. H. McKay, of the enjoyable trip which he took recently to the cities of Belleville and Kingston.

As you announced in your very valuable paper that his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Robinson and myself had left for Belleville to attend the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, I now write you a few lines which may be of interest to the Brethren and others as well.

The normal legal life of this parliament expired about a year ago. The members were not elected for the purpose of carrying on or maintaining a war, or of appointing war ministers, and much less for enforcing a law of compulsory military service against every competent citizen.

The following two days were occupied by Grand Lodge business, reading reports, electing officers and installing them for the ensuing year, when the Brethren took their departure to their homes.

From Deseronto we went to Kingston City, saw Mr. Day, once a High School teacher in Walkerton, now a leading lawyer with an immense business in the city of Kingston.

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It is a liver pill—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbance that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, and baby Marjorie, left today for their home at Schreiber, Ont., after a two months' visit with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Harker, West Bridge Street.

MARYSVILLE

Messrs. Anderson, Hall and Stafford attended camp-meeting at the Oak Hills Sunday.

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