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### AT OTTAWA

An united Canada, as a part of the British Empire, whether for war or the peace to come after the war, should be the aim and desire of every Canadian. That thought should be in every mind in connection with the present impasse at Ottawa.

We shall know tomorrow, if not today, why Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have been unable to arrive at a working agreement. In forming a judgment upon the policy of either leader, two things should be paramount, the complete mobilization of Canada, and the largest possible measure of unity in the accomplishment of that task. There is far more to be considered than the mere conscription of men. A deliberate attempt has been and is being made by the Conservative press to direct public opinion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be blamed for the failure of coalition.

In view of the fact that the following extract from an Ottawa despatch to the Telegraph is of special interest and importance:

"Sir Wilfrid, in announcing his attitude on the coalition and conscription proposals will, it is expected, emphasize the wisdom of following constitutional procedure and long-tested experience of government by majorities. It may be further expected that he will outline his suggestions for national organization for war effort, pointing out the mistakes of the past, which have resulted in the way of immediate enforcement of conscription for military service only. With him, too, the winning of the war is the paramount issue, and unity of effort urgently needed. He may propose alternatives to Sir Robert's limited conscription scheme, and a far larger and farther visioned programme for national service, embracing all kinds of war effort, looking both to the present and to many months to come. If this is not done tomorrow it will come a little later."

That Sir Robert Borden has decided to keep Hon. Robert Rogers in the cabinet, and the charge made against Hon. Albert Severyn, were interesting features of yesterday's news from the capital. It is quite evident that party feeling has not been overcome, but rather that recent developments are opening the gates of bitter controversy. The country awaits with absorbing interest the statements of the two leaders today.

### THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

Mr. W. B. Tennant does not deny that he received \$100,000 from the Nova Scotia Construction Company, and says that profits made by him are nobody's business but his own.

This is not the view held by the St. John Globe and Fredericton Gleaner, whose comments are published in today's Times. They are not the views of some prominent Conservatives who have been freely discussing the amazing revelations made at the enquiry. Mr. Tennant will have an opportunity to testify, and as the \$100,000 in question was a part of the people's money the people will naturally want to know why it was paid and what was its ultimate destination. Mr. Lindsay of the Nova Scotia Construction Company may be a child-like person, very easily deceived, but that is not as a rule true of railroad contractors; and it requires some stretch of the imagination to believe that he would hand out to large a sum unless convinced that it was necessary to do so in order to secure the contract—not for Mr. Tennant—but from the government of this province.

Then there is the gift of nearly \$77,000 given to the company on the eve of the elections, when the figures for the Centreville-Andover section were increased by the government. That is hardly a defensible transaction. The Gleaner is also amazed to learn that Smith & Merrithew and Kennedy & McDonald got higher prices for the same work than other contractors were given, and it asserts that one of the members of one of these companies is only a dummy for a member of the legislature who "had more influence on the members of the then government than any other private member of the house."

The Globe's comment that "every insertion of the probe of investigation into Valley Railroad construction reveals a festering mass of rottenness and corruption," and its enquiry whether any of the money can be got back or not are justified by the facts. The St. John Standard yesterday refused to print the evidence, and does not do so today, but it prints Mr. Tennant's remarks and makes a vicious editorial attack upon what it terms "Carvellian methods."

Carvellian methods have been producing results. The deeper the probe goes the more clearly the people of this province understand the reason for the venomous attacks made upon Mr. Carvell, Mr. E. S. Carter and Hon. P. J. Veniot for a long time past. We can see also, in some of the evidence produced this week, the reason why Mr. Carter was so bitterly hounded in Kings county, and the most despicable efforts made to keep him out of the legislature. This province owes a debt to Mr. Carter, Mr.

Veniot and Mr. Carvell which grows as the months pass, and more and more of the inquiry they charged and denounced is revealed.

It will not do to say that this Valley Railway affair is nobody's business. The people's money has been exploited with an audacity which fairly takes away one's breath. The enquiry has only begun, but the testimony of Mr. Cosentino stands. It tells a story that shames New Brunswick.

### THE POTTS RESOLUTION

The "selective draft" affair was fairly well staged by the opposition in the legislature yesterday, but an awkward hitch interfered with the presentation of the political comedy with Mr. Potts in the title role. Something went wrong almost at the moment the curtain went up, and the hero got off to a bad start. There were four heavies in the cast, but somehow the audience was not responsive.

Mr. Potts moved a resolution favoring the selective draft. Premier Foster promptly moved an amendment declaring it inadvisable to interject any such resolution into the case when the party leaders at Ottawa are facing a serious situation and seeking to find a way out. Mr. Baxter promptly came along with an amendment to the amendment, in which the substance of the Potts' resolution was more or less artfully concealed. He made, however, a much more effective appeal for unity of action than either Mr. Potts or Mr. Murray, who had spoken after Premier Foster, and who apparently cast some reflections which were so unwarranted that he later said he must have been misunderstood. Mr. Tilley went even a step farther than Mr. Baxter, and suggested a conference of the leaders, if the Baxter amendment were not acceptable. He was promptly asked why this suggestion was not made before the Potts' resolution was introduced. And that is a perfectly natural question to ask. If the gentlemen of the opposition yearned for unity rather than for political capital, why did they not suggest a joint resolution?

### WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The delegation in favor of woman suffrage were given a very courteous reception at Fredericton yesterday. Hon. Dr. Roberts welcomed them to the legislative buildings and introduced them to the government and members of the house. They were given a fine opportunity in the legislative chamber to present their case, and received a most attentive hearing. Premier Foster, without discussing the merits of the case, assured the delegation that their representations would receive the most serious consideration. Later in the afternoon the visitors had the pleasure of listening to Hon. Dr. Roberts' very able address on the second reading of the bill, which has now gone to the law committee. The fact that the bill passed its second reading is a full recognition and acceptance by the house of the principle of woman suffrage. Having gone so far it would be most ungracious not to go farther, and the advocates of the bill hope that it will be adopted, although it is known there is considerable opposition, which is not confined to one party. It is not a party measure, and the delegation found warm supporters on both sides of the house. It is encouraging to note that even those who say they are not now prepared to vote for a full measure of woman franchise admit freely that it is bound to come later, and the question: "Why wait?" is naturally asked of them. Why should this be the last province to grant to women a privilege that is admittedly their right?

The spot-light of investigation reveals conditions which suggest that it is time the clean and healthy influence of women was given an opportunity to assert itself at the ballot box. Because of that influence and the need of it, and because of what women have sacrificed and endured and accomplished in this war, the members of the New Brunswick legislature should agree to a man to give them the franchise.

Just when the patriotic members and followers of the late provincial government were keying themselves up to a high pitch of patriotic fervor in the legislature yesterday afternoon, copies of the Gleaner, with its comments on the patriotic exploitation of the Valley Railway were brought into the chamber. It was very sad.

If Hon. Dr. Roberts brings to all his legislative work the same intelligence and ability revealed in his handling of the woman franchise bill, and his comprehensive and convincing speech thereon, his maiden effort gives promise of a very useful career as a legislator.

That \$100,000 would have bought a lot of things for the boys at the front, over whom Mr. Potts and ex-Premier Murray agonized yesterday in Fredericton.

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"They issued over a hundred invitations."

"Did they get many valuable presents?"

"No, they barely made expenses."

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Little Catherine was playing in the garden when she discovered a worm crawling along. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "there's nothing with a tail on it."

His Chance.

"Mr. Bubkins," said the proud father, shaking the young man warmly by the hand, "let me tell you that you are a man after my own heart." "Oh, no, sir," protested the blushing author, "I'm after your daughter's."

The First Complaint.

He (to his dance)—Couldn't you kiss me a little more affectionately, dear?

She—Well, I'll do my best; but you are the first one that has ever complained.

A Conditional Promise.

"Ah, wants the day off, boss, ter look for a job for' me wife."

"Will you be back tomorrow?"

"Yes, ef she don't git it."

A Mean Insultation.

Young Wife (enthusiastically)—We just made a pudding, dear, and it's a poem.

Hubby—And I suppose I'm to be the waste basket.

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Gone?

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The above stop-over and side-trip privileges are arranged in order to enable passengers for western points to inspect the famous "Clay Belt" of Quebec and New Ontario—a rich farming country opened up by the new line of the Canadian Government Railways. Those interested will be forwarded copy of booklet "Notes by the Way—Quebec and West" describing that territory. E.O.A.

## STEALS \$50,000 JEWELRY

Thief Smashes Showcases in Vestibule of the Carlton, London

London, June 7.—Jewelry to the value of \$50,000 was stolen from the glass showcases in the vestibule of the Carlton hotel. Soon after the lights were out, sounds of breaking glass were heard, but the watchmen who rushed to the vestibule found the thief gone with booty to the amount stated. Some articles of jewelry were strewn about the floor. It is believed the thief had hidden himself in the palm room.

Robert A. Taft, lawyer, Cincinnati, Ohio, son of ex-President Taft, has been rejected by physicians examining applicants for the officers' reserve corps. His eyes were found to be weak.