

TWO MORE PROMINENT LIBERAL MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT SUBSCRIPTION

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The Sing of War.

The member for Red Deer has already experienced the sting of war. He has given of his family in the empire cause and naturally feels only as a father can feel for the boys at the front. With him the prosecution of the war is the vital duty of the hour, political considerations and all other matters are of lesser import and can wait until settlement under the banner of peace and freedom have been fought and won. His speech today was a triumph and it is expected to have a great influence upon other members of his party who may be still wavering between their duty to their country and a not unnatural desire to stand by Laurier. A. K. MacLean, of Halifax is not eloquent, but he has all a lawyer's ability in the marshalling of arguments. His address tonight was rather the calm, judicial presentation of a case to a jury, an appeal to the mind rather than the emotions and while he did not arouse the great enthusiasm which greeted Dr. Clark's telling, well rounded sentence yet he handled the subject well and ably and his address cannot but have an influence upon the man who wants to weigh the evidence and then decide.

The Other Speakers.

Other speakers of the day were Col. Arthur of Parry Sound and Donald Sutherland of North York. Both advocated the passage of the measure. Mr. Turgeon, Liberal of Gloucester, who during his whole career in the house has never ventured to express on any subject an idea in conflict with that of his leader, opposed the bill on the usual Laurier ground. Hon. Jacques Bureau followed.

Liberal, Three Rivers

The tendency is now in the direction of shorter speeches. Although many members of the government will participate to any great extent.

The case for conscription has been so ably presented by the Premier and Sir George Foster and Sir Thomas (White) that in reality there is little more to say. The burden of speech as yet to come will be from Liberals who will break with their leader, or from Quebec members on both sides of the house who desire to place themselves on record in regard to it. It is probable that a division will be reached by Friday. The government is making no disposition to shut off full and free discussion, and the members themselves have acquired the praiseworthy habit of saying what they

method in such a circumstance, it would do away with the condition under which one family, or one province, or one district could rest in security while the mass of other families, other provinces or other districts are fighting and dying.

House Applauds.

As he reached that point in his oration the house fairly rocked with applause.

At this time, he said, conscription is as necessary to us as the sun. The opposition had taken the ground that Canadians could do the most effective work on the farms of the country. Well, Britain was not fighting on the farms. She was fighting wherever she saw the turban of a Turk or the helmet of a Teuton, but she was fighting for the sake of all in France, and that fact should cause the blood to course more quickly through the veins of every French-Canadian to know that British troops are fighting today in the land where French is spoken and where the glorious French literature has been produced and fighting as much for the security of France as of any other nation under the sun. It had been claimed that the French-Canadians of Quebec had not done their full measure of duty because the proportion of recruiting agents was not equal to them. "Who," he asked, "was the recruiting agent which aroused Britain and caused her sons to come to the front to fight for the lands of the seven seas. It was Belgium and the same recruiting agent should appeal to the manhood of Canadians."

Touton Retreating.
"Let me tell you something else. The Teuton is retreating from France today, but as he retreats he takes with him every French female above the age of fourteen years, to work, to suffer and God only knows what worse fate. These are facts, facts known to Quebec as well as to the rest of the world, and if the men of Quebec will not listen to them then they would not listen to the voice of Him who rose from the dead."

Again the applause was so loud and so prolonged that the eloquent westerner was unable to proceed until it had died away.

Another reason which should make Canadians rally to the colors and which in itself gave ample warrant for the introduction of conscription or any other measure was that if this war is not finished properly now it will have to be fought over again.

"I have a little tottling grandchild on my farm out west today. His father was stricken two weeks ago while fighting at the front. I say to you and on my conscience that I support this bill today because it will save him from ever going through what his father and uncle are suffering today, for if this war is not finished now it will have to be done all over again when the next generation of men comes around."

Praises Uncle Sam.

He eulogized the United States for her entry to the war and scored Mr. Pugsley's contention that because of the United States entry Canada should slacken her efforts.

"Canadians are not built that way," he said.

Canada's place is in the front of the battle. That is where she has been, and if I know the Canadian disposition that is where she will continue to be no matter what measures are necessary to make it certain. Conscription and Vimy Ridge have not exhausted the glorious resources of this country.

Castigate Laurier.

Dr. Clark then proceeded to castigate Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Oliver and others of the Liberal party for playing politics in the hour of the nation's danger. Oliver and Laurier had the nerve to oppose the measure, and it was reported that Mr. Macdonald might succeed to the leadership of the Liberal party. "Thus," he said, "the lion of Edmonton (Oliver) and the lamb of Quebec (Laurier) lie down together and a little child, the boy of Picton, Nova Scotia (Macdonald) shall lead them."

In his peroration Dr. Clark was particularly eloquent urging Liberals everywhere to bury politics and support the government in this measure of national and world wide importance.

Col. Arthur.

Col. James Arthur, of Parry Sound, who has seen much service at the front, spoke before Dr. Clark. He severely scored Quebec for her failure to contribute her share of men to the Canadian armies, and urged all Canadians to unite in support of the compulsory military service measure.

Mr. Turgeon, of Gloucester, N. B., was the last speaker of the afternoon session. He rehearsed all the Laurier arguments in favor of a referendum announcing that he would oppose the bill on the grounds advanced by his leader. No one expected Mr. Turgeon to do anything else, so his announcement was in no way a surprise.

A. K. McLean.

A. K. McLean, of Halifax, opened the debate at the evening session. In opening he dealt with Canada's attitude to the war in which she had been engaged for two and one-half years. "Canada was subject to invasion, and that was the policy of the enemy," he said. "Canada was waging a defensive warfare which did not necessarily mean that the fighting should be done on our own soil. The battle of the Falkland Islands was in reality a battle for the defense of our own country. If in truth were known the secret service of the United States protected Canada from invasion on more than one occasion. The arrest of Hon. Dr. Beland, now languishing in a German prison, was as much a blow against Canada's honor and integrity as the invasion of Belgium was against Belgium itself. Canada was fighting in her own defence, and on this point he differed from his leader. He agreed with the contention of the prime minister that the Canadian militia set gave authority to call out troops for Canadian defence either within or beyond Canada."

The present struggle is in reality a war against war, therefore Canada in participating was assisting to end all wars. The conscription bill he characterized as a piece of legislation

which any country at peace or war could well have contained in its constitution. That is where she has been, and if I know the Canadian disposition that is where she will continue to be no matter what measures are necessary to make it certain. Conscription and Vimy Ridge have not exhausted the glorious resources of this country.

Needs More Power.

Canada needs more power in the war and the bill provides the most effective way of getting it. He was insistent to the conclusion that conscription was necessary and for that reason he would support it. Under the circumstances he could not undertake the responsibility of opposing the bill. If it became necessary to seek the view of the people he preferred to do it through the medium of a general election rather than the Laurier proposed referendum. He urged however that a fresh campaign of education should be undertaken in the interest of voluntary enlistment before the conscription measure was put into force. In any event Canada should stand behind those who fought for us and in support of the memory of those who consecrated their lives to the cause of Empire. In closing he expressed the belief that if both parties be got to unite for the purpose of war prosecution the necessary men could be obtained without resorting to compulsory service.

Donald Sutherland, Conservative, of North Oxford, followed, speaking well in favor of the bill.

THE LIBERALS SWEEP SASK.

Regina, Sask. June 26.—The Liberals swept Saskatchewan almost clean in today's elections and will have more than fifty of the fifty-nine seats in the legislature, a greater majority than was accorded the Scott government in 1912.

Of the seven Conservatives in the last house only two are definitely known at midnight to be re-elected, W. B. Willoughby, the opposition leader, and Lieut.-Col. Glenn, who was not opposed by the Liberals in South Qu'Appelle, but was opposed by an independent. The only other Conservative elected is Donald MacLean in Saskatoon city. The winning of Saskatoon city constitutes the Conservatives only gain from the Liberals.

On the other hand the Liberals wrested Lumsden, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Willow Bunch from the opposition. The winning of Lumsden was a blow against the opposition, and on this point he differed from his leader. He agreed with the contention of the prime minister that the Canadian militia set gave authority to call out troops for Canadian defence either within or beyond Canada."

Mr. Edward Hart of Grand Bay returned home yesterday after receiving treatment in the General Public Hospital and is loud in his praise of the kindness and excellent treatment given her by the doctors and nurses in that institution.

GEN. NIXON IS BLAMED FOR KUT LOSSES

Lord Hardinge, Austin Chamberlain and Others Share Responsibility.

London, June 26.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—The report of the Mesopotamian commission, constituting another historic war document, was issued tonight.

The commissioners find that the expedition was a justifiable military enterprise, but that the division of responsibility between the India office and the government of India in connection with it was unwarrantable. The report says the advance towards Bagdad was an offensive movement based on political and military miscalculations, was attempted with tired and insufficient forces and inadequate preparation and resulted in the Kut disaster.

The responsibility for this untoward advance, says the commission, lies with Sir John Nixon. Others responsible were Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, General Beauchamp-Duff, commander-in-chief, Major-Gen. Barron, military secretary to the India office, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, secretary of state for India, and the war committee of the cabinet.

ADM. VON TIRPITZ, FATHER OF U-BOAT WARFARE, IS ILL

Is Suffering Seriously from Incurable Disease—Retired in 1916.

Geneva, June 26.—Admiral Alfred Von Tirpitz, former German minister of marine, has arrived at St. Blaise, in the Black Forest. He is suffering seriously from diabetes.

Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz has been Germany's chief advocate of unrestricted submarine warfare. He had much to do with the building of Germany's great fleet, and is known as "the father of the German navy." He retired as minister of the navy in March, 1916, ill-health being given as the reason.

NO SEPARATE PEACE FOR THE RUSSIANS

Washington, June 26.—In a stirring address today at the capital Ambassador Bakhmeteff, of Russia's diplomatic mission, gave a solemn pledge that the Russian people and army, "convinced that a separate peace would mean the triumph of German autocracy," are prepared to fight on to the end, until the world has been made safe for democracy. The ambassador spoke before the senate and was given a reception almost as enthusiastic as that accorded him Saturday in the house.

STRIKE IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, June 26.—The laborers in the building trades here went on strike at 9 o'clock today for an increase in wages. They want 40 cents an hour. The leaders assert that more than 700 men are out of work as a result of the determination of the builders not to grant the demands.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Elvira A. Baxter.

The death is announced at Winthrop Centre, Mass., of Mrs. Elvira A. Baxter, widow of Elijah W. Baxter, formerly of St. John.

Mrs. Caroline Goddard.

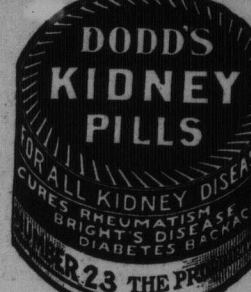
The death is announced in West Roxbury, Boston, of Mrs. Caroline Goddard, formerly of St. John. She was eighty-three years of age.

Mrs. Edward Murphy.

The death is announced in Charlestown, Boston, of Mrs. Edward Murphy, formerly Miss Annie Hagan of St. John.

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