

what shall be done about sending reinforcements to the aid of their loved ones in the trenches. They possess an immense, immeasurable, latent power. It is time this great force was set in operation. Canadian women don't know their power at the present time. Let them get together and they will soon find it out.

What effect will the resignation of Sir Sam Hughes have upon the prospects of a coalition government? We cannot but think that it will be favorable. We are not now going to deal with the matters which led up to his resignation. The fact is that reorganization has started. If the interests of the country, in the estimation of the Premier, requires that one Cabinet Minister should retire, the same interests may require others to acquire the virtue of resignation. The same interests—the interests of Canada, those most vitally important—might require that Liberal leaders should be invited to seats in the Cabinet. A ministry of statesmen, representing both parties, who would unitedly and unanimously subordinate party interests to those of the country—a Cabinet of moderate men, not extreme partisans—would receive the hearty support of the people of Canada, and to such a Cabinet there would be complete unanimity in the extension of the parliamentary term and the consequent avoidance of a war-time election.

HOW TO AVOID A WAR-TIME ELECTION.

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The Toronto Telegram says that "a general election with a war unfinished and the soldiers in the trenches should not be permitted." There is scarcely any difference of opinion anywhere in the country on that point, excepting possibly at Ottawa and in the places where the politicians reign supreme.

But the election will only be averted by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, and that Act will not be passed, we may feel sure, unless there is a practically unanimous request from the Dominion Parliament. The Imperial House of Parliament will not extend its own existence on a mere majority. There will be a large majority in the House of Commons in favor of an extension or there will not be one.

Sir Robert Borden would not approach the Imperial Parliament for another extension of the Parliamentary term unless with the almost unanimous consent of the Liberal Opposition. He made that plain through the announcement made by Hon. Mr. Kemp at Toronto, and the country so understood it.

The Liberals are making it plain that their consent is contingent upon a fairer agreement and fairer conditions than have heretofore existed. It is possible to bring that about and to avert an undesirable and menacing political conflict while the war is on. Not only should a war election be avoided, but there should be a general agreement among the politicians and the press to set aside partisan strife and the making of party capital until peace is declared. An administration of the country's affairs by a Government representing both political parties would be an assurance of the cessation of party warfare and the prosecution of the great war.

The newspapers and the politicians can find plenty of useful employment.