

SOUND REASONS FOR AN ELECTION WHICH ALL THE LIBERAL ARGUMENTS CANNOT REFUTE

OPPOSITION HAS UNCEASINGLY HAMPERED AND HINDERED THE GOVERNMENT'S WARTIME POLICY

Hon. Robert Rogers, in forcible address, presents the real facts of the case—Senate domination unjust, unfair and unbusinesslike—The shameful record of Grit opposition to every patriotic proposal.



HON. ROBERT ROGERS

The complete text of Hon. Robert Rogers' illuminating address in Montreal yesterday is as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—Permit me to acknowledge the compliment implied by the presence here today of such a large number of leading representatives of our two great races, and, after all, it is only an additional evidence of your appreciation of that grand old traditional policy for which the Conservative Party have ever stood, that of unity of purpose among the two races of our common country. We, of this day and hour, are the proud heirs and joint-heirs of all that long line of brilliant achievements that have made Canada what it is today. No Prime Minister in Canada ever had placed upon his shoulders the heavy responsibility that our leader, Sir Robert Borden, has been called upon to carry, and no Prime Minister could have carried those responsibilities with greater dignity and a greater consciousness of his lasting duty to Canada and to the British Empire, and no Prime Minister has ever been called upon to meet such cowardly and dishonest misrepresentations on the part of his opponents as has Sir Robert. But these previous and organized attacks as made from day to day are not going to deter Sir Robert and his colleagues from carrying out the greatest task that has ever fallen to the lot of any government to deal with. In the carrying out of this great work I am confident that the old Province of Quebec will remain true to its traditions of the past, in that it has never failed to do its duty by Canada on any great national issue. You did your duty on the great national issue of 1911, and it called upon to deal with the still greater national issue of 1915 I have every confidence that you will be true to your great traditions of the past.

Sir Robert's Task

The Canadian people were fortunate to have had a Sir John Macdonald to perform the great task of Confederation with British connection, and the Canadian people were still more fortunate today in this great hour of trial and test to have a Sir Robert Borden to perform the still greater task that today confronts the Canadian people. I am sure that I only tell you that which you all well know when I say earnestly and more honestly to his country the great energy and the great ability which God has given him, than has Sir Robert from the day he was honored with his present mandate from the citizens of Canada. During that period he has honestly and honorably discharged the greatest responsibilities that ever have fallen to the lot of any public man in Canada. But the fact that he has so honestly and so honorably discharged these great responsibilities apparently means nothing to a certain horde of

The Grit Opposition

The defeat of our proposals, which simply meant wise and sound preparation for the then imminent day of Armageddon, was brought about by the combination I have just named. We were challenged, in season and out of season, by this same combination to submit the matter to the country, and it is an open secret that Sir Robert had decided to appeal to the people in September last, fully realizing that our proposals to co-operate in binding in closer bonds of union our Dominion with the mother country, would meet with an overwhelming approval by Canadians everywhere. We did not believe then, and we do not believe now, that the policy of the opposition and their press, who, during their fifteen years of power opposed every move and every proposal that was designed to bind in closer union our great Dominion with the mother country, (as the long line of reports of the Imperial Conference held between 1897 and 1914 will prove), would find much sympathy or much support among the Canadian people. The outbreak of war prevented Sir Robert from carrying out his original intention of dissolving Parliament in August last, and, besides, with the actual outbreak of war we naturally thought, as I am sure the people generally thought, when, as the responsible Government of the country, we were called upon to face an emergency the like of which no government has ever been called upon to meet in Canada before, that under trying conditions some sense of reason and respectability would have governed the attitude of the present opposition and their press. It is true, for a time they were temporarily silent, nursing in shame their remorse of conscience for their conduct of the year previous, through which they were obliged to witness their own most ignominious downfall in the eyes of every good Canadian, and for months they were treated by the Government and by the people generally with that reverence and respect that is always due to a political corpse. During this period the Government remained steadfast in discharging their great responsibilities determinedly and fearlessly. We recognized that Canada was British to the core and we believed then, as we believe now, that the Canadian people would endorse our action in taking every step necessary to aid in the protection of that Empire and in securing victory for her flag. We recognized

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mark you, I do not mean by this their political position, but mean the position of the Canadian people who want to take their proper place in the great struggle of the day.

Grit Opposition. This war cannot be carried to a successful conclusion without money and without means, yet the opposition declare by their voice and by their votes that we must not have this money, and moved a vote of want of confidence in the government for asking for it. And from that hour down until the present the government have been subjected to the most dishonorable and dishonest misrepresentation, through the Liberal press, that has ever before been known in Canada. Not only that, but under our law and under our constitution, we had the right as a government to recommend additional appointments to the Upper Chamber, but the irresponsible majority of that chamber today go the length and actually refuse to recognize the law and the constitution and prevent the government from making those appointments for the sole and only purpose of retaining their control through which they are absolutely the masters of the situation.

Now, let me say, is it fair to the government, is it fair to the Canadian people, is it fair to the Empire, under present trying conditions, that a government, elected by the free-will of the people, should be asked to remain handicapped in having their proposals defeated at the will of this irresponsible majority in the Upper Chamber?

A Question of Patriotism. And some people say it would not be patriotic to hold an election during the war. Let me ask such an individual this question, which would be the most patriotic, to dissolve this Parliament and have full and complete control, which any government must have if they are going to render that full service to Canada and above all do greater efforts than have yet been made, or which they are going to be made, by their votes and by their vote a want of confidence in our proposals for the providing of the necessary means that up to the present have been estimated as necessary for the carrying on of our part in this great conflict, and in view of our recent deplorable and heavy losses it is evident that renewed and greater efforts have yet to be made. This provides serious thought for reflection on the part of every patriotic citizen of Canada as to what can best be done to avenge the loss of our noble sons.

Shameful Criticism. I call Heaven as my witness when I say that under rational and reasonable conditions that neither myself nor any other member of the government, so far as I know, want an election. If the government here were receiving the same treatment, for example, that the government of Great Britain receives from the opposition and the House of Lords there would undoubtedly be no occasion for any mention of an election, but you have only got to look at the record of the last session and read the Libera press to know and understand that this is not the case, and in addition to this, what under Heaven could be said that has not already been said by the Liberal press in Canada, that would create greater strife and division than that which their actions from day to day are creating, for we have, appearing daily, the most venomous, the most contemptible and the most lying misrepresentations that have ever been published in any part of the civilized world.

The unfortunate part is that evidently some simple-minded, innocent people read these statements and believe them to be true, as is evidenced by the fact that a few clergymen, but fortunately very few in number, through want of knowledge, are simple-minded enough to venture to re-echo from their pulpits some of the misrepresentations being published from day to day in the Grit press of our country. It might be well for those individuals to better study and better understand the true conditions before undertaking to enter upon a discussion of public affairs, for if they have no better knowledge of their Bible and its teachings than they appear to have when they undertake to discuss public questions, all I can say is, may God have mercy upon the souls of the unfortunate people that depend upon such individuals for spiritual instruction and direction. Of course the case of Professor Bland is somewhat different, in that he is a well known professional hypocrite,

who has every been ready to endorse, approve and applaud every crooked act that has ever been known to have been committed by any Liberal. For such an individual as this, who has never been guilty when speaking politically to have any regard for either principle or truth, one can well afford to look upon with feelings of sorrow rather than of anger.

The Soldier Votes. Then we have the memorable attitude of the opposition on the bill introduced by Judge Doherty to provide that any of our soldiers who so wishes could have the right to exercise their franchise. One would have thought that if even any bill introduced to Parliament would receive hearty and unanimous support it would have been this one, but we were called upon to witness before the world the humiliating spectacle of the opposition offering the most fierce objections to this measure in the House of Commons, and it was finally so mutilated by that irresponsible majority in the Upper Chamber that it is practically unworkable.

Who would have believed that an opposition could have been guilty of opposing this measure on the ground that the man who has volunteered to serve his country should cease to be a citizen, or in other words, that a man's willingness to fight for the very existence of his country should disqualify him from voting? They argued that the citizen who leaves his home, gives up his job, goes into training and faces death for the love of his country should be deprived of the right to say how that country should be governed. In view of this who will dare say that the opposition and their press are not exploiting our unfortunate war conditions for political advantage? What else did the opposition do to this Bill when they were known to this ninety-nine out of every hundred men that have volunteered and who now fully realize the great value to Canada of Sir Robert Borden's policy for closer British connection, would cast their ballots in favor of such policy, and because of this they exercised every means at their command, and succeeded fairly well to so mutilate this Bill as to make it almost of no value. The Government took the position that the man who would put his life at the service of his country to fight for our liberty and our freedom, to fight for our greatest possessions, that of our British citizenship and our membership in the great British Empire, is the man above all others who should have the right to say how his country should be governed, and I am sure that the stand so taken by the Government will meet with the approval of every good loyal citizen in Canada.

Was Nearing the Century Mark. Bridgetown, May 3.—At three a. m. on Saturday morning, at the residence of Norman Milbury, Hampton, was nearing the century mark.

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one of the oldest residents in the county passed away, Miss Susan Foster. On her birthday, the ninth of this month, she would have been ninety-one years of age. Her father was twice married, and she was a member of the first family of eleven children. After her mother's death a second marriage followed, that gave her ten step-brothers and sisters. From the two families of twenty-one children a generation of three hundred and seventy-five relatives followed. For fifteen years she was a foremost member of the employees in several cotton mills at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, U. S., and for a lifetime a diligent member of the Baptist church. Her home for several years has been with her step-brother—Thomas Foster of Bridgetown. Of a strong and robust nature, she never had a sick day in a lifetime. Recently she had passed through two strokes of paralysis, but a third last week brought the end. The surviving members of the second family of ten, are—Ellen, Lydia, Alouzo, David, Adnoriam and Thomas. All of the two families were born in the same place. First a log cabin, then a frame house. The burial took place on Sunday from the church at Hampton, Rev. Asaph Whitman officiating.

JITNEYS IN VANCOUVER FORCE ELECTRIC RAILWAY TO CUT DOWN RATES. Vancouver, B. C., May 3.—To meet Jitney competition the British Columbia Electric Railway today announced a cut in fares and henceforth will allow eight tickets for twenty-five cents. These tickets will not be good for transfer. When transfers are wanted the fare will be five cents straight. The British Columbia Electric Railway controls all the street railways in the province.

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