

Union Government

is concentrating its efforts to win the War. It has gone about raising reinforcements in the only practical way; under the Military Service Act, 1917.

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Unionist Party Publicity Committee.

SON OF LAURIER CANDIDATE STRONG FOR UNION POLICY

Major J. Arthur Leger Welcomes Conscription.---- While 6,000 are in Khaki, He Acadians Does not Understand Attitude of Quebec.----Says the Party of Neglect will Have to Answer to Soldiers After the War.

Hon J B M Baxter, of St John, has received the following letter from Major J Arthur Leger, of the 165th Battalion, now overseas, and son of Auguste T Leger, the Laurier-Liberal candidate in Kent County: France, August 9th, 1917

Dear Mr Baxter: Canadian news filters through to us here rather slowly, and it was only a day or so ago that I heard definitely that the Conscription Bill had passed in Canada. It is needless to say I am pleased. You have long known my sentiments in the matter. The Government would have been well advised had it forsaken all niceties of sentiment at the very outbreak of war, and enacted conscription at once. As it is, any opposition to the present enactment will have to contend with every Canadian in khaki irrespective of his national origin or religion and after the war the factor to contend with in Canada will not be the short-sighted and irresolute pacifist, but the clear seeing and resolute man who saw the need of the times and sacrificed his own and family's interests in the interest of the cause of humanity and civilization.

The attitude of my own compatriots of French origin has been an awkward one for myself and other Acadian soldiers to explain to our comrades here and to others with whom we come into contact. Only the other day I had an audience with Monsieur Pichon, formerly French Minister of Foreign Affairs. Like all others with whom I have conversed, he failed to understand the French Canadian attitude and naturally could not appreciate the nice differences between French Canadian and Acadian. To say the least, it is humiliating to myself and compatriots to have to constantly explain why the

people at home do not more vigorously champion the Allies' cause. The public men of Canada who have instilled the germ of non-participation in the war into the hearts of the people of French origin have incurred a most grave responsibility. By their traitorous and seditious propaganda, they would succeed in blasting the honourable people. I do not set myself up as my brother's keeper and if certain individuals have not a sufficiently wide conception of their duty to volunteer their services in the nation's interests I shall not judge them. (It is the nation's duty to see that the decision be not left to them) but, speaking as an Acadian and a soldier, I consider no punishment too severe for the individual who undertakes in such times as these to further his own or some individual interest by educating a people into his own insular bigotry.

There has been altogether too much politics in Canada, and too great a deference to political expediency. The Canadian soldier in France today is not a Conservative nor a Liberal. He is simply a British subject fighting in the defence of the Empire. In the cold, grim business of grappling with death, there is little time for tolerance of party interests, especially when such interests interfere with the business of war. The party man who neglects the soldier for his party will answer to the soldiers after the war and after deposing Prussian militarism Canadian politics will not allow them.

The French people of Canada have a grievance, and a serious grievance. No French people of Canada feels that grievance more keenly than I do. Every drop of my blood is French, and if I'm spared to return from this war, no one will be louder in his demand for justice to the French people than I shall be. But that grievance is secondary. It is insignificant compared with the issues of this war. No honorable man would stand passively by and watch his mother being assaulted by an unscrupulous murderer, and justify his attitude by the statement that he was self-supporting and his mother was not essential to his being, or by the statement that on one or two occasions his mother had unjustly punished him in childhood. To err is human. Nations err like individuals. Britain has erred on occasions, but on the whole she has been a good mother to us, and the recreant who would preach against assisting her in her present need is too craven to be spoken of as a man. The tolerated existence of such an individual cries aloud to heaven for vengeance.

The French people of Canada have been duped by unconscious leaders of all political complexions. The national and religious cry has been worked overtime for several years back, and instead of being suppressed at the outbreak of war was fanned into more vigorous flame. The Acadian or French Canadian has had this campaign to combat in making his decision in the matter of enlisting. His English speaking fellow citizen has, on the other hand, been aided in his decision by a carefully conducted educational campaign in the duties of citizenship. That there should be discrepancies in the response from these two factions is not to be wondered at under the circumstances. Personally I believe that the Acadians have responded as heartily as other native-born Canadians. To my personal knowledge over 6,000 out of our comparatively small population have come overseas. To all true Acadians, it is a most disappointing fact that these men have lost their identity in the C. E. F. by being merged indiscriminately into English-speaking units with the result that the Acadian race is now sharing in the opprobrium everywhere being showered on the French Canadian.

I welcome conscription, and every other Canadian soldier welcomes it. Not alone because it is going to support us in our efforts, but also because it will save our national honour—save our brothers from their own near-sightedness. The Canadian young man is not a coward. The so-called sallow is not a coward. He simply doesn't see his duty—doesn't realize the needs of the hour. We are all at times prone to condemn such lack of perception, but when we consider that it took the whole American nation to the south of us three years to see light, we are forced to give our own young men the benefit of the doubt. As an eminent French orator said the other day in excusing such tardiness, "the thousands of miles of cold ocean lying between Europe and America



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I repeat that the Canadian soldier is pleased at the adoption of conscription. His faith in the governors of the country has been somewhat restored. He was, to use his own term, "fed-up" with the existing state of affairs which permitted eligible young men to vigorously take part in sports and pleasures at home while he was undergoing the privations of the damned in their defence in France. Each succeeding newspaper from Canada added to his righteous wrath and it is my honest opinion that the Government did not come to his aid any too soon.
Your sincere friend,
J. ARTHUR LEGER, Major

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