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"Our political economists are all warning us of the prospects of famine after the war. The war has probably turned something like 100,000,000 people from productive to unproductive industry, and that is bound to have its effect on production for a very long time to come. The world's harvests even now are much short of normal. When peace is declared there will be 150,000,000 half-starved people in Central Europe who will have a right to some of the products of the outside world, and to the extent that they are supplied the outside world will be short. Shipping is also short, and much will be needed for a long time after the war for demobilisation purposes. Of course, as Germany has destroyed so much shipping she cannot expect the shipping that remains to be used for her benefit. But there are menacing indications that we ought even now to be preparing for the lean years that are to come by economising and saving. We ought to build all the food that is not perishable. We ought to be building cold-storage establishments so that we can preserve that which is perishable. It will be a long time after peace is signed before we shall have done with all the horrors of war."

forced to say, "God helping me, I cannot do otherwise," or "I can do no other."

"Scots Wha Hae." Scotland, said the Rev. Mr. Adam at a meeting in Halifax the other day, with a population of five million people had a million men in khaki. Do you wonder at it? It is declared by those who may be called good judges that "Scots Wha Hae" is the finest battle song in the world. Many of the finest and most popular of Scottish songs breathe the valorous and patriotic spirit. There, for instance, is "The March of the Cameron Men," "The Standard on the Braes of Mar" and "Glen. And then what a number there are of Jacobite songs. Take "Cam' ye by Athol" and "Wha Wudna Fecht for Charlie?" Do you know I have often wondered what would have happened had the numerous Jacobite songs been written while "Charlie" was in the flesh instead of years after he had left the scene of his futile exploits. It is quite possible, "Bonnie Prince Charlie" might have won his Bannockburn instead of having met a Flodden.

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They say that Laurier said and says that if returned to power he will call for a referendum on the Compulsory Service or Selective Draft Act. If Laurier still says that, then he is making fun of the people. If he wins, then the taking of a referendum would be as huge a farce as was ever perpetrated. It is a foregone conclusion that if Laurier wins the result of a referendum would be against conscription in any form.

The Record eschews politics as the word is now-a-days interpreted. When one is referred to, as a politician it is meant that he is a partizan, a more or less, generally more, slavish adherent of one of the two parties. But while politics may have no place in these columns, there must surely be room for patriotism. I am glad to believe that many who were merely politicians in days preceding will, at the forthcoming election, place patriotism before party, before so-called party. I have a letter from one who during many years has been a fervent Liberal and a recognized worker, which leads to this belief. Among other things he says, "Well, I am a Unionist and will do all I can for Unionists even though I have to vote for men for whom I have no great liking. My country comes first and self must go under this time." And as goes my correspondent, so will go many others. They do not like to break away from old associations, but with a great reformer they are

A Cape Breton paper commenting on the presence of women at a political meeting, says that some of them who spoke admitted that they were not well conversant with public affairs. The paper jeers at them for having admitted this and at the same time advised their hearers how to vote. What was there inconsistent, or ludicrous in this? In my opinion it was rather to their credit that they knew little of public affairs. If they had claimed familiarity, then they might have been accused of partiality to one or other party, and told that they were partizan. Their confession that they knew nothing of public affairs strengthened their appeal to vote for the Unionist candidate. Their eye was single. They knew one thing only, that patriotism demanded that the Unionist candidate should be supported, for the Unionists were right on the paramount issue, an issue that submerges all such questions as profiteering, high cost of living, mistakes, mismanagement, favoritism to party adherents, etc. The issue that transcends all others at this time is the Selective Draft or the Military Service Act. That is the vital issue and if the women say "to pot" with all the other issues till the war is done, or until Canada has done all she can do, or has a right to do, I am heart and soul with them. The women are in good company. All the leading Liberal papers, all the best known Liberal leaders of late days, have thrust all minor issues to the side and have joined hands with the Conservatives in an effort to secure a government pledged to do its utmost to help in the winning of the war by immediate action.

The following appeared in the Herald some days ago and as it is a statement of facts it is worth republishing:—

"The convention of the American Federation of Labor at Buffalo recently furnished many evidences of the patriotism of American workingmen. I am